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## Care home 'heroes' recognised

# 'EXCITING' PLANS FOR TAWD VALLEY

## Council 'grateful' for positive contribution to consultation

Report by **Henry James**

**WEST Lancs Council chiefs say what they described as "exciting proposals" for future improvements to Tawd Valley Park were presented and discussed at a meeting at West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale.**

Local councillors and council officers were joined by members of the public for the meeting to receive feedback on plans for the park which have now been incorporated into a draft Masterplan.

Presentations by West Lancashire CVS, Groundwork CLM and the borough council outlined views expressed in the public consultation that the park needs to retain its many existing benefits.

Respondents were keen that the natural habitat of woodland and waterway is preserved along with steps being taken to clean the water entering the river and remove the large amounts of rubbish.

A number of potential developments are being considered to encourage more visitors to the park, including a BMX track, revitalising the amphitheatre as a working performance space, creating a new visitor centre, improving the fishing lake and finding a way of commemorating the mining heritage of the Tawd Valley and Skelmersdale.

Other proposals outlined included new wetland areas incorporating reed beds to filter ground water that flows from neighbouring housing estates into the river. There are also plans to repair much of the existing infrastructure such as footpaths and bridges.

West Lancs Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, introduced the local authority's presentation outlining its commitment to the project. It says this includes making available "significant" funding resources from monies collected from new development in West Lancashire through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

There are also commitments from Lancasire County Council to assist with financing a new cycleway.

The council also emphasised the need for a Tawd Valley Friends Group to be set up to provide input into the planning, as well as delivery phases, and to support the long-term sustainability of the project. It is hoped the Friends Group will be represented on the Working Group which includes the borough council, the River Douglas Catchment Partnership, the Environment Agency, Groundwork CLM, West Lancashire CVS, SHARES and the county council.

The Tawd Valley in Skelmersdale

Following the presentations, members of the public spoke about their enthusiasm for the project while making a number of key points that the Working Group would need to address. These included the need for the project to be sustainable in the long term and the importance of protecting the current wildlife from the risk of disturbance from growing visitor numbers.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "The council and its partners are really grateful to everyone who came to the meeting and contributed to the consultation."

West Lancashire CVS will host a meeting at the Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale, on Thursday, February 22 starting at 7pm for interested parties with a view to setting up the Friends Group. Anyone who would like to get involved is welcome. For further details contact Martin on 01695 733737 or by email at martint@westlancscvs.org.uk.

## 40th anniversary milestone for town's library

**BOOK lovers in the town should make a note of next Wednesday, February 7.**

**For that's when Skelmersdale Library will be celebrating its 40th anniversary.**

**And the library, on Southway, has some special events lined to mark its milestone occasion.**

**From 10.30am until noon, visitors are invited along to a coffee morning to celebrate the day with refreshments provided by the Friends of Skelmersdale Library.**

**Photographs and memorabilia will also be on display in the library providing an opportunity to share memories and stories of times past.**

**Meanwhile, Dean Fraser, also known as The Quantum Poet, will be entertaining visitors to the library with his work on Thursday, February 22 from 7 to 9pm.**

**County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "I'm looking forward to attending this event and seeing for myself how special this library is.**

**"It is a really friendly venue and is important to the local community.**

**"I hope lots of people go along on the day and enjoy the events we have planned and celebrate with us."**

**And Lancashire County Council chairman, Skelmersdale councillor Terry Aldridge, added: "This should be a great event. I know this library well. I'm delighted to be able to celebrate this anniversary and to reminisce on how it has developed since 1978."**

**Events are free to attend but places are limited so booking is essential.**

**Visitors are also invited to bring along their own photographs or memorabilia and their memories and stories of the library will be shared later in the year.**

**To find out more about the event or to book a place, call 0300 123 6703, or email Skelmersdale.library@lancashire.gov.uk.**

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# New management structure unveiled by borough council

## Authority says revised team will help to drive forward 'ambitious' priorities and save more than £100,000 a year

**WEST Lancashire Borough Council is set to implement a new permanent management structure which council chiefs say will "drive forward its ambitious agenda for the borough" while saving more than £100,000 a year.**

From Thursday (February 1) the number of directorates at the council will be reduced from four to three with services that were provided by the Leisure and Wellbeing Service being moved into the other directorates.

The three directorates will be Development and Regeneration Services; Housing and Inclusion Services; and Leisure and Environment Services.

They will continue to be supported by Legal and Democratic, and Finance and Human Resources Services.

The focus for the new directorates, it's claimed, will be to deliver the council's priorities for the economy, environment and health and wellbeing of West Lancashire, whilst balancing the budget year-on-year.

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "The revised management structure will drive forward our priorities while also delivering much-needed savings in the face of continued Government reductions to local authority funding.

"I look forward to working with the team to meet our ambitions for West Lancs and bring improvements for residents and businesses across the borough."

West Lancs Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran

### Savings

The council agreed the new structure at its meeting in October last year along with the voluntary redundancy of Dave Tilleray, the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing.

The authority says that the moves mean that together with previously agreed measures, the council will make a total of £267,000 in efficiency savings in 2018/19 from restructuring.

The new management team will comprise Kim Webber, Chief Executive; Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey , Director of Housing and Inclusion; John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration; Heidi McDougall, Director of Leisure and Environment; Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor; and Marc Taylor, Borough Treasurer.

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# Daring duo set to scale new heights with latest fundraising challenge

## Men-Aces husband-and-wife team to abseil down 560ft landmark

Report by **Henry James**

**INTREPID fundraiser Carl Eaton and his wife Mim will be hitting the heights when they take on their biggest challenge to date.**

The 55-year-old manager of the Skem-Men-Aces disability football team and his 53-year-old spouse are set to abseil down the famous Portsmouth harbour landmark, The Spinnaker Tower, to raise money for the club.

The daring duo will be going 'over the top' at 2pm on Sunday, July 8 with the aim of raising £4,000 to send some of the Men-Aces team members to different competitions in this country and Europe.

The Spinnaker Tower is an observation tower standing at 560 feet.

This latest fundraising challenge comes15 months after Carl took part in the gruelling 26-mile Greater Manchester Marathon last April to finance an adventure weekend for Men-Aces members.

**Above: Carl and Mim Eaton celebrating an earlier fundraising challenge.**

**Right: The imposing 560-ft Spinnaker Tower**

### Exciting

Posting on his fundraising page, he commented: "With the help of the professional abseiling team at the Spinnaker Tower to help me get out of my wheelchair and of course with the support of some of the mighty Men-Aces, I also need, once again, residents' help to sponsor me and my wife Mim's challenge.

"All monies raised will go towards sending some lads to Geneva to represent their country in the European football championship; some to a three-day tournament in Belfast; and some to the biggest disabled football tournament in the country at Harrogate; as well as several other ventures we have in the pipeline.

"These events will provide each and every lad with new and exciting experiences which are truly fulfilling."

Carl, who set up in the Men-Aces in 2009 for adults with a learning disability, has already raised more than £1,000 and added: "I just want to thank each and everyone of you lovely people who have not only donated to my 560ft abseil attempt but for also sharing it among your friends.

"I am truly terrified by this challenge but I'm ever more determined when I see how supportive you guys are. Please keep spreading the word."

For details on how to sponsor Carl go to www.gofundme.com/aces-over-the-edge/.

**Three companies based in Skelmersdale have been have been named on the final shortlist for this year's prestigious Lancashire Business View Red Rose Awards**

# Skem companies in the running for prestigious business awards

THREE Skelmersdale-based companies have been named on the final shortlist for this year's prestigious Lancashire Business View Red Rose Awards with the chance to collect a prestigious trophy in front of a 1,100-strong audience!

UPS Building and Maintenance of Gratton Place, East Gillibrands has been nominated in a total of three categories - Construction Business Award, Customers Service Award and Property Business Award; and Sustainable Building Services (UK) Ltd., of White Moss Business Park, was also nominated in the Construction Business Award and Property Business Award categories.

Meanwhile Artz for All in Birch Green, which provides performing arts opportunities, is among the nominations in the Not-for-profit Business Award section.

Organisations of all sizes from every corner of the county across a wide variety of industries are represented on the final list of 150, who will now vie for success in 25 categories.

The winners will be revealed at a glittering black tie event on Thursday, March 8 at Blackpool's Winter Gardens.

The shortlist was finalised following a full day of pre-scoring by 80 Red Rose Awards judges, who combed through and debated hundreds of nominations at a special event.

Now, each business will be given a final chance to impress the panel over two days of pitches and presentations in February.

### Talent

Richard Slater, founder of the Red Rose Awards, said: "We have seen some phenomenal entries for this year's awards and the final shortlist is incredibly strong, loaded with talent, creativity, hard-work and drive to succeed.

"It's going to be an incredibly difficult task for our panel of judges to pick just one winner per category, but that says fantastic things about Lancashire and whoever does take home a trophy will have done great work putting the red rose county on the map."

The charity partner for Red Rose Awards 2018 is Cash for Kids and funds will be raised at the awards event to support their work in Lancashire.

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**The scene of the crash in Up Holland**

# Police seek rush-hour crash driver

**POLICE are seeking to trace the driver of a dark-coloured Ford Fiesta which crashed into a road sign and church wall on Parliament Street, Up Holland, causing damage before driving off.**

**The incident occurred on Thursday, January 25 at about 8.10am during the rush hour.**

**The driver is described as a white female with long blonde hair, and police say the car could have had a 02 - 08 plate.**

**Anyone with information is asked to email 4208@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or call 101.**

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# Four projects to benefit from Community Infrastructure Levy

Report by **Henry James**

**MEMBERS of the public have helped West Lancashire Borough Council to decide which projects it should fund using money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in 2017/18.**

The levy allows the authority to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the borough. Monies collected must be used to pay for infrastructure needed to support new development across the borough.

The council has a list of about 100 infrastructure schemes that have been put forward by service providers, ward councillors, parish councils, residents and other stakeholders.

A shortlist of the most deliverable projects from those put forward was publicly consulted on by the council in October 2017.

Council chiefs said that 'a good number' of local people had commented on these and in response to those views, the decision was taken to fund four projects in 2018/19.

Councillor John Hodson

These are as follows:

- £60,000 towards the upgrade of playing field facilities at Chequer Lane, Up Holland. The Football Association has agreed in principle to provide £60,000 match-funding for the project.
- £40,000 towards the upgrade of playing field facilities at Whittle Drive, Ormskirk. The Football Association has agreed in principle to provide £40,000 match-funding for the project.
- £25,000 towards the renovation and the extension of Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre, Holmeswood. This is the second phase of improvements to the visitor centre at the important nature reserve. The project will be match-funded with £225,000 from other sources.
- £300,000 towards implementation of the Tawd Valley Park Masterplan proposals, which will seek to improve open space, recreation and green infrastructure facilities in Skelmersdale.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for development and regeneration, said: "Community Infrastructure Levy money is really helping to make some exciting projects a reality, and it's been great that people got involved and told us which projects they most wanted to see delivered.

"Once complete these chosen projects will help promote physical exercise and health, improve the environment and encourage sustainable transport."

The selected projects will now be delivered during 2018/19 and beyond.

Further information on the Community Infrastructure Levy can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/CIL.

The Lathom High School pupils who took part in the Premier League Enterprise Challenge

# Savvy students on target in Premier League Enterprise Challenge

FIVE savvy Year 9 students from Lathom High School in Skelmersdale recently won the regional heats of the Premier League Enterprise Challenge held at Liverpool FC's Anfield Stadium and are now heading to the national finals.

The students - Bartosz, Dan, Saul, Molly and Sophie - discovered a taste for business and enterprise when they took part in a 10-week Business and Enterprise Qualification with the Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

This then led on to them being selected to take part in this year's Premier League Enterprise Challenge.

As part of their community work the Premier League aims to improve young people's life skills, enhance educational outcomes and increase young people's awareness of the world of work. The challenge is set by the Premier League executive chairman, Richard Scudamore.

In this year's challenge he asked the students to come up with ways they could help Wigan Athletic diversify their club's fan base.

A spokesperson for Lathom High school said: "The students worked extremely hard over a number of weeks with the support of Wigan Athletic FC Community Trust and teachers at Lathom to make their business ideas come to life.

"They then went on to present their ideas in front of a panel of judges at the DW Stadium in Wigan.

"To the students' surprise they won and were delighted to represent Wigan Athletic Football Club at the regional heats."

Developing their ideas further, with the help of the Latics' chief executive, Jonathan Jackson, the students presented again, this time at Anfield, in front of a new panel of judges and were ecstatic to hear the news that they were the winners.

Student Dan Stephens commented: "Nothing will come close to the feeling I had today with such a good group of friends."

And headteacher at Lathom, Jane Galbraith, expressed how proud she was of the students on such an outstanding achievement.

The students are now preparing for the national final of the Premier League Enterprise Challenge which will take place in London in April where they will pitch their business idea to a panel of experts from the sport and business world.

The sports facilities at the former Glenburn Sports College

# Call for Glenburn 3G pitch to be handed over to community

MEMBERS of the independent political group, Our West Lancashire, have called for the £650,000 3G football pitch next to the former Glenburn school in Skelmersdale to be handed over to a local community group to run in its present location.

It follows the announcement last week that proposals to relocate the pitch to Delph Side Community Primary School in the town had been abandoned due to a lack of financial support.

Councillor Adrian Owens, OWL's representative for Derby ward on West lancs Borough Council, said: "Taxpayers' money was spent in providing this football facility for the town and to simply lock the gates and leave it unused is verging on the criminal.

"Skelmersdale has a great sense of community and a love for football. I'm sure a local community group could successfully run and maintain the 3G pitch in its current location.

"While the land might be required for other purposes in the future, that's years off. In the meantime, the pitch could provide a much-needed additional facility for a town that has always been promised much and almost always short-changed."

Following last week's article in the Champion, a spokesman for Digmoor Football Club contacted us and commented: "Everybody knew the only things that could be moved and re-used were the fencing and the goal-posts.

"The facility has been sat rotting for 18 months when it could have been open and generating revenue. This is an absolute disgrace."

The leader of Lancashire County Council, Councillor Geoff Driver has said that the authority had made clear all along that they were not in a position to financially support the Delph Side plans, as they are "facing an extremely serious financial challenge."

Councillor Owens said that Our West Lancashire were willing to help any group interested in taking his idea forward and he invited intersted parties to contact them by email to office@ourwestlancashire.com.

# Mill's helping hand for charity

**AN Ormskirk-based charity that helps poor families and other vulnerable people in Romania has received a £250 donation from the Essity paper mill in Skelmersdale.**

**Romania Relief UK, which regularly receives products from the mill, will use the money to buy wood-fired stoves made on Merseyside from recycled gas containers. These will be used for cooking and heating in homes built by the charity.**

**Amanda Rose, site administrator at the Pimbo Road mill, nominated the charity after being selected to join its house-building project last year.**

**In June, Amanda spent a week in Hateg village in the Transylvania region of Romania, where she and five others spent two days building a house for a local family, equipped with a recycled gas container stove.**

**She said: "It was an amazing experience. The people we met were all incredibly kind and welcoming, but were having to make do in some very difficult circumstances, so I'm glad we were able to help in some small way.**

**"Romania Relief UK is a brilliant local charity doing incredible work. I couldn't imagine a more deserving cause."**

**Mill manager, John Kirwin, added: "Everyone at the mill was touched by the stories Amanda told us about her volunteering trip, so we were delighted to donate this money to the charity. "**

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The demolition men move in at the former Red Lion pub in Liverpool Road South, Burscough.

# Demolition team call 'time' on former pub

DEMOLITION workers have moved in this week to call time on a derelict former public house to make way for a new care home.

The former Red Lion pub in Liverpool Road South, Burscough, which dates back to around the late 18th century, had been disused for some time.

A previous planning application by the Athena Group to build on the site was rejected in November 2015.

However, a revised application submitted by the group earlier this year, was deemed acceptable by West Lancs Council's director of development and regeneration, and approved by a meeting of the council's planning committee on Thursday, January 18.

The Athena care group, which has homes in Ormskirk, Burscough, Southport and Formby, is now set to build a new two-storey home on the site.

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# New recruit aims to raise profile of carer support network

**A WEST Lancashire-based not for profit organisation which aims to improve the skills of parents and help them to support their children to avoid negative influences, has welcomed a new member of staff following a successful partnership with Edge Hill University.**

Ellie Burns, a Business Management Marketing student at the Ormskirk campus, has taken on the role of marketing officer for the Parent and Carer Support Network (PCSN) in Up Holland.

She will be responsible for the organisation's social media presence and increasing community awareness of the network's vital work in the charity sector.

Steve Bower, chairman of the PCSN, said: "This is a very exciting time with our mums and dads groups and parenting academy all doing well.

**Ellie Burns who has joined the Parent and Care Support Network as marketing officer**

"Ellie's involvement will bring our charity work into the 21st century. The link with Edge Hill University and with younger people within our organisation is great news for the people of Skelmersdale and Up Holland, raising awareness of the organisation's attributes and what we offer to the community."

The PCSN currently have three projects running.

The parenting academy's Confident Carers Course in Up Holland is funded by the National Lottery and the aim is to deliver another three courses across Skelmersdale and Up Holland during 2018.

The peer support groups for male and female carers in Skelmersdale are run by volunteers and funded by donations.

The Fathers And Children Engage (FACE) group has been running for 12 years, while the Mums And Carers Support group (MACs) started in 2017

All groups and courses are free to access.

**The presentation at Birch Green Care Home**

# Care home 'heroes' recognised

**'CARING Heroes' home have been recognised at a special presentation at the Birch Green Care Home in Ivydale, Skelmersdale.**

**The Caring Hero initiative was launched by the Springhill Care Group in 2016 to highlight the unsung heroes of social care, who often go the extra mile to support elderly and vulnerable people.**

**Acting general manager at Birch Green, Vicky Sudworth, who was among those recognised after she rushed to the aid of a colleague who had been involved in a car accident, said: "There is some fabulous work being done behind the scenes that many people do not get to hear about, and this is a way of shining a spotlight on some of these unsung heroes. I couldn't believe it when I was nominated myself and it's a real honour."**

**Vicky and fellow 'heroes' Dave Seddon, Becky Green, Barbara Hunter, Jamie Matthews and Angela Heart, were presented with their badges and certificates by Virginia Perkins, the Springhill group's associate director for people and organisational development.**

# Veterans' Association keen to recruit more female members

OFFICIALS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association are keen to recruit more female members.

Currently, the group has just one female member Margaret (Peggy) Nind who joined last March.

She said: "We would really like to get more women involved. Anyone who has had anything at all to do with the military would be very welcome. "I am ex-land army so don't know if I can be classed as a veteran.

"We go out into the community, visit the elderly in care homes, schools and talk to the children about what it was like during the war. We also take objects in to show them.

"The group meet every second Sunday of the month and the next meeting is at the Quarry Bank on Sunday, February 11.

"If you were in the Wrens, the WAAF, the Army, the TA, or even if you weren't involved and have stories to tell, come and join us at Skelmersdale Veterans' Association."

Meanwhile, the association recently held their AGM at the Hare and Hounds pub in Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale at whichchairman, Alan Lewis, declared it "a great first year."

Mr Lewis was re-elected as chairman for another year, with vice-chair, Mr Griffiths; the secretary, Alan Moore; and treasurer, Stewart Bullen.

Alan Lewis added: "I would like to thank the old committee and members for all their support throughout the year and help on our different visits.

"I would also like to thank Harry McKenzie for organising the Skelmersdale Armed Forces Fun Day and more recently our Poppy Appeal which helped raise £3,263.43 along with other members from the association.

"The association would also like to say a big thank-you to the manager of the Hare and Hounds who has supported us throughout the year.

"The association will be moving to a new location as we have grown too big for the Hare and Hounds and will be moving to the Buffs."

For more information contact Alan Moore by email at svasec@outllook.com, or contact Alan Lewis on 07939660048 or by email at svachair@outlook.com.

**Fred Hargreaves, a trustee of the Lady Lathom Endowment and Memorial Fund presents the cheque for £500 to Helen Seddon of Twinkle House, watched by fellow fund trustee, Bryan Collier.**

# *Memorial fund's £500 donation for Twinkle House children's charity*

*THE Lady Lathom Endowment and Memorial Fund has made a donation of £500 to Twinkle House children's charity in Skelmersdale.*

*The fund was set up in the early 1900s by the then Second Earl of Lathom, Lord Derby and Mr Winsloe, a Liverpool merchant, all prominent Freemasons, in memory of the late Countess of Lathom, Countess Alice, who was tragically killed in 1897 in a coaching accident on the Lathom estates.*

*The fund originally provided nurses who administered to sick people in the Lathom and Skelmersdale areas before the start of the NHS.*

*Today the assets of the fund are still used for the relief of poverty and sickness relating to the elderly residents of the parish of Lathom.*

*Over the years it has made donations to various charitable causes in Lathom and Skelmersdale and is still operated by local Freemasons.*


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Michael in action after his successful shoulder surgery

# ‘Bionic’ Michael scoops triple gold after major shoulder surgery

**A TEACHER from West Lancashire has overcome a serious shoulder injury to scoop three gymnastic gold medals in a weekend - thanks to the skills of a specialist surgeon and his team at Ormskirk Hospital!**

Michael Aspinall from Banks had been a talented gymnast as a teenager before his studies became more of a priority than sport.

Instead Michael, now deputy head and PE teacher at Queens Drive Primary School in Fulwood, Preston, put his talents to good use teaching the next generation.

Report by **Henry James**

And when he first started to feel painful twinges in his right shoulder when he turned 40, five years ago, any thoughts of a return to competitive sport must have been furthest from his mind.

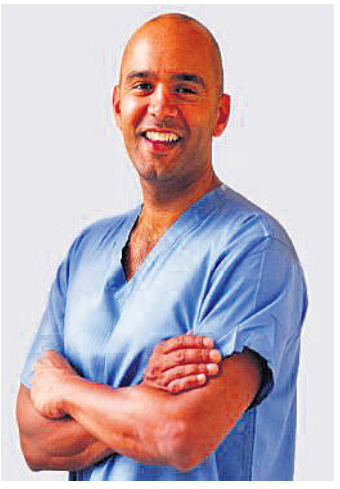
Over time his shoulder began to get progressively worse, eventually ‘popping’ out of its socket during a training session. This started to occur more frequently and after the fifth time, Michael booked into Ormskirk Hospital in a bid to get it resolved once and for all.

### Encouraged

Professor Adnan Saithna, from Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: “Michael had two tears of his labrum - a cushion that goes all the way around the shoulder socket. This was causing him a lot of pain and put a stop to his sporting activities.”

However, an operation to cure the problem proved a success and encouraged by his new pain-free status Michael decided to start serious training again.

He entered tumbling, trampoline and gymnastic events in the senior division of a competition at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre in Shropshire and won all three - scoring the highest marks of the weekend on the floor apparatus in the men’s gymnastics discipline!



Professor Saithna

A delighted Michael said: “I owe a great deal to the consultants, doctors and physios who have helped me get back to fitness and compete again.

“Originally I had only planned to take part in two of the three events at Lilleshall but thanks to Professor Saithna and his team my shoulder healed so well that I decided to go for all three and landed a hat-trick of golds.

“I feel like the Bionic Man!”

## History group’s February schedule

*ORMSKIRK Historical Society has announced its lecture programme for February.*

*On Monday, February 5, Keith Hick will give an illustrated talk on ‘Art Deco in the 20th Century’.*

*The presentation will describe the origins and influence of the Art Deco period spanning the 1920s and 1930s.*

*It will embrace all aspects of the genre including architecture, art and design, furniture, fashion, jewellery, poster art, transport, ceramics and sculpture.*

*Next up on Monday, February 19 will be an illustrated talk entitled ‘Fish, Chips & Little Ships’ by Gordon G Bartley, Associate of the Royal Photographic Society.*

*Containing many historical references throughout, this will explore the beauty of the North Yorkshire coast from Bridlington to Robin Hood’s Bay and concludes in the vibrant photographic gem of Whitby – home of ‘proper’ (Yorkshire) fish & chips!*

*Society meetings are held at the Four Land Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe starting at 7.30 pm.*

*Membership fee is £16 per annum, the charge to visitors is £3 per session but students can attend for free.*

*For more information go to the wesbite at www.ormskirkhistoricalsociety.co.uk.*

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# Skem building firm wins contract for £2m energy efficiency scheme

Report by **Henry James**

**SKELMERSDALE-based building contractor, Sustainable Building Services (UK) Limited will start work on a new £2m energy efficiency scheme in Padiham, Lancashire in February.**

Commissioned by DREEAM, a European- funded demonstration project, the work will seek to prove that larger scale refurbishments deliver greater and more cost-effective energy savings than schemes involving single properties alone.

The DREEAM project will target 75% energy reductions in the treated properties. It will be piloted in three sites across Europe - in Lancashire; Landskrona in Sweden; and in Treviso, Italy.

A spokesman for Sustainable Building Services said: "The Lancashire properties are managed by Places for People (PfP). They include a total of 108 units, comprising 36 flats and 72 houses, all lacking cavity walls.

"PfP selected the site because it offered significant potential for energy performance improvements. Proposed works include the fitting of external wall insulation, new energy-efficient storage heaters, hot water cylinders, mixer showers and solar photovoltaic panels on the roofs."

**Tests**

As a demonstration project, DREEAM aims to deliver accurate data about the effects of the different efficiency measures. Accordingly, its researchers plan to monitor energy performance before, during and after the works.

The team began in the summer of 2017 by conducting a battery of tests at a void property in Padiham. Here, they examined wall U-values, heat loss coefficient and air tightness.

Built in the 1930s, the terraced house exhibited poor heat retention figures in comparison to modern building standards.

To encourage resident feedback, representatives of SBS, PfP and the insulation system designer PermaRock Products Ltd organised a customer consultation day in December.

Held at a local nursery, the event was attended by more than 25 residents who were able to view visualisations and product samples, ask questions and express their thoughts on the proposals as a whole. This feedback informed the final designs.

Formal planning consent is expected later this month.

Work on the 108 Lancashire properties is expected to last eight months.

# Library Friends and allotments group team up for seed swap event

THE Friends of Skelmersdale Library (FoSL) are teaming up with the West Lancashire Allotment Federation (WLAF) to put on a seed swap event on Saturday, March 10 from 10am to 2pm and are asking for donations from residents.

The seed swap event at the library in Southway will involve the public bringing their surplus seeds and swapping them for tokens which can then be 'traded' for different seeds.

Mary Whitby from FoSL said: "We need advance donations of surplus seeds, bulbs, tubers or plugs to make the event a success.

"Skelmersdale has some of the most deprived areas in the country and in these times of austerity there are numerous health and wellbeing benefits to encouraging the local community to engage in gardening, getting fresh air, making friends and producing their own fresh food.

"Alternatively, if people could donate a small sum of money we could buy some seeds to stock our seed bank in readiness for the event.

"Please send any donations (whether seeds, bulbs, tubers, plugs or monetary) to FoSL at Skelmersdale Library, Southway, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 6NL."

At the event on the day visitors will trade any seeds they bring with them for tokens depending on the quality/quantity of seed they donate. They can use the tokens to 'buy' seeds from the seed bank. If they do not have any seeds to trade in for tokens they can make a donation for any seeds they would like to take.

**Benefits**

WLAF promotes allotment gardening and provision of allotments as, "an important, inclusive, informal, outdoor active recreation" for residents of West Lancashire with particular emphasis on the health benefits and to attract the younger generation.

FoSL are a group of volunteers who put on community events to raise awareness of the library and to raise funds to hold free events for children throughout the year, particularly during the school holidays.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Mary by email at marywhitby@aol.com, or by phone on 07854922446.

Alternatively, contact Noreen Martin at Skelmersdale Library on 03001236703. or Susan Hudson on mrs.susan.hudson@icloud.com.

Darryl (front 2nd right) and Haydn (front right) celebrate their Team GB call-up with Carl and Mim Eaton and other members of the Men-Aces team

# Men-Aces duo win Team GB call-up

TWO players from Skelmersdale Men-Aces disability football team have been selected for the Great Britain B squad to take part in a competition in Europe.

Darryl Morris and Haydn Pulford, both 23,were chosen following the Team GB trials which took place in Wakefield last Sunday.

Darryl and Haydn were joined at the trials by James Hughes, Ste Rimmer and Theo Duke, also from the Men-Aces.

Players from all over the country went along to showcase their skills and try and impress the Team GB coaches during the day which consisted of a number of 15-minutes matches.

Carl and Mim Eaton from the Men-Aces commented: "After the trials we were ushered into a big hall where they had refreshments and tried to catch they eye of the coaches and lip-read what they were saying!

**Proud**

"Then the manager of the Team GB squad walked in with 15 envelopes and there were cheers when firstly the name of Darryl Morris was read out and the reaction among us was the same when Haydn Pulford's name was called out too.

"This is a proud moment for the club and the town. To be chosen to represent your country is a massive honour and will be a wonderful experience for the lads."

The pair will now attend a training weekend to get to know the rest of the squad, and will fly off to Geneva at the end of May where they will be playing teams from Italy, France, and Switzerland.

Carl and Mim added: "James Hughes, Ste Rimmer and Theo Duke also showed great sportsmanship throughout the trials and commended their fellow players on the awards."

The club will now need to start fundraising to enable Darryl and Haydn to join up with the Team GB squad and anyone who can help is asked to email jegthepeg1@hotmail.co.uk.

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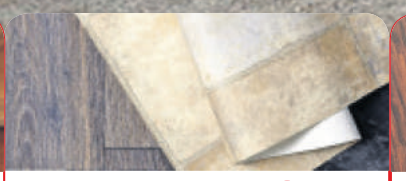

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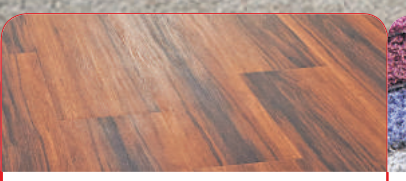

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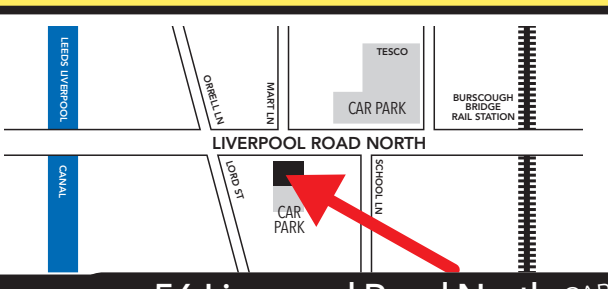


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# Police chief blames Government for rise in council tax precept

Report by **Henry James**

**LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has accused the Government of forcing the burden of funding policing onto council tax payers.**

Mr Grunshaw's recommendation to increase the council tax police precept has been approved by the Police and Crime Panel which includes councillors from across the county.

The commissioner said raising the precept by £12 per year (or 23p per week) on an average property in 2018/19 would "safeguard" local police jobs across Lancashire.

His submission followed a public consultation during which he said more than 78% of those who responded supported the increase of at least 23p per week.

Mr Grunshaw outlined the budget pressures facing the force after the Government's pre-Christmas funding announcement which failed to deliver any extra funding for policing in the county.

This follows years of shrinking budgets which have seen Lancashire Constabulary make savings of more than £72million since 2010, with an estimated £17million in further savings needed by 2022.

Clive Grunshaw

Mr Grunshaw said: "hile the Government highlighted the need for additional resources for policing, they failed to provide any extra money for Lancashire in their latest funding announcement.

"Residents who took part in my consultation have indicated clearly that they want to see money invested in the police with a large majority supporting my proposed changes. This will add an estimated £5million to the policing budget in Lancashire and protect some roles that otherwise would have been under threat.

"I don't agree that council tax is the best or fairest way to fund the police. Areas with similar budgets to Lancashire, like Essex and Sussex, are able to raise 40 to 50% more than we can with exactly the same increase in the precept. However, as this is the only tool available to me to ensure there aren't further cuts to our policing budget, this has to be the course we take.

"Demand on the policing service continues to increase and it is disappointing that the Government have not responded to this with central funding, instead passing the buck onto local taxpayers.

"This is not the answer to the funding of policing – it is a short-term, unsustainable fix which papers over some of the cracks caused by years of austerity."

Lancashire's Chief Constable, Andy Rhodes, said: "We are extremely grateful to the public for their continued support.

"This increase in council tax will help to ease the pressures of police budget cuts and maintain police officer and PCSO numbers and I would reassure the public that we will continue to work with the commissioner to protect front-line services and deliver further efficiencies and deliver savings where possible."

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*To be eligible, collections must be published during 2017 and authors must be born or normally reside in the British Isles (including Ireland).*

*For more information contact Billy Cowan by email at billy.cowan@edgehill.ac.uk or by ringing 01695 584133.*

# New chief executive appointed at Rainbow House

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**A WEST Lancashire-based charity which provides conductive education for children and young people with disabilities, has appointed a new chief executive.**

**Ben Blackman, new chief executive of Rainbow House.**

Ben Blackman takes over the role at Rainbow House in Mawdesley following the retirement of Carole Cochrane, CBE,

The 38-year-old from Croston, will now be responsible for the ongoing development of the charity, which has no statutory funding and raises all its own funds through donations, grants and fundraising activities.

Ben has 16 years of experience in senior management positions in the not-for-profit sector which includes years developing services for unpaid carers.

Rainbow House president, Bill Ainscough and chair of trustees, Pauline Clare, said: "We are delighted to announce the appointment of Ben Blackman as chief executive and are sure that his background and experience will bring significant benefits to our organisation and our service users."

Ben said: "Rainbow House captivates everyone who comes into contact with it and this has certainly been the case for me. I am delighted to be taking over from Carole and look forward to fulfilling our mission to make Rainbow House a centre of excellence for children with neurological conditions and disabilities."

Rainbow House currently provides more than 250 hours each of conductive education, a therapy which aims to develop the physical and cognitive abilities of children with disabilities and brain injuries.

**Jess and Nina present the cheque for £395 to Danielle Richards, Marie Curie Community Fundraiser for Lancashire**

## Pupils turn cakes into cash for charity

CAKES weren't the only things raised when youngsters at a West Lancashire primary school held their own bake-off event.

When the School Council at Tarleton Community Primary decided to organise a coffee morning in aid of cancer charity Marie Curie pupils held their own bake-off to provide cakes to sell on the day.

Their efforts were boosted by other goodies donated by family and friends and the event raised £395 for the charity.

Danielle Richards, the charity's Community Fundraiser for Lancashire, went along to the school in Hesketh Lane to receive the cheque from school council members, Jess and Nina, who said: "We were proud to raise so much money for Marie Curie."


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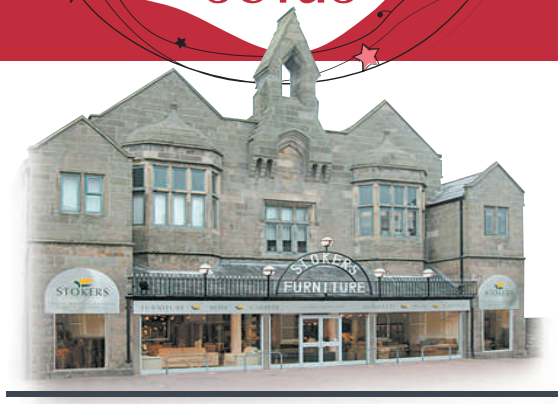


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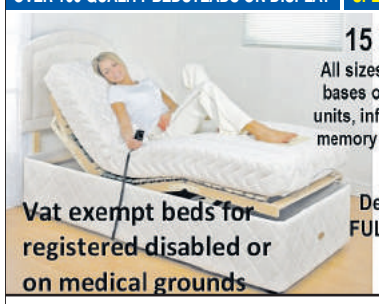

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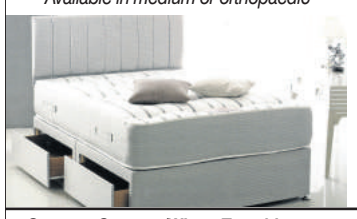

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Staff at BT Local Business Centre and businesses from Martland Mill give Andy MacGregor and pals a big send off on their sponsored bike ride for Sport Relief.

# Bike buddies' grand effort for Sport Relief

**THE director of a local telecoms business and two biking buddies raised more than £1,000 for Sport Relief with a sponsored cycle ride taking in telecom centres around the region.**

Andy MacGregor, who is also owner of the Martland Mill business centre in Burscough where his BT Local Business company is situated, was joined by pals Richard Hawkings and Lloyd Deevey for the sponsored 51-mile ride.

The trio were given a big send-off by the BT Local Business Team and Martland Mill business tenants and after first making their way to Skelmersdale Telephone Exchange, they cycled past the BT Exchange at Lancaster House, Liverpool; the Liverpool Chambers of Commerce; and the BT Warrington call centre at Europa Boulevard; before finishing at the Cheshire BT Local Business office in Harvard Court, also in Warrington.

Andy's staff had also helped raise money by organising various activities and challenges and to date their efforts had raised more than £1,000 for the biennial charity event to raise money to help vulnerable people in both the UK and the world's poorest countries.

This was the second charity bike ride for cycling enthusiast Andy, who last year raised more than £2,500 for Stand up to Cancer with a 190-mile, coast-to-coast ride.

Sue Smith, head receptionist and facilities manager at BT Local Business, said: "Andy said he was pleased with how the event went and he was extremely delighted with the members of his cycle team, BT customer Richard Hawkins and Lloyd Deevy of BT Marketing. Both of them volunteered and went out of their way to do the cycle challenge for Sport Relief.

"Andy is also very grateful for the efforts of all his staff at BT Local Business in Martland Mill who also went the extra mile by doing raffles, baking cakes, raising sponsorship and doing challenges and quizzes in the office. To date we have raised more than £1,000 with money still coming in."


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# Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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## Virgin to blame for walk-in centre shortcomings not NHS

ONCE again last week (January 24) one of your readers has sent in a nasty attack on our struggling, cash-strapped NHS.

However the letter loses all point when it turns out that the complaint is about a walk-in centre.

Unfortunately, the Government in its wisdom (?) has seen fit to hand the running of West Lancashire's walk-in centres to the Virgin company.

As this company has proved unfit to run trains on time and ruins just about everything it has ever got its hands on, any faults 'Local Resident' may have found in the walk-in centre are entirely the fault of Virgin, not the NHS.

I have had excellent treatment from our local NHS hospital staff and have nothing but praise for the hard-working doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff who endeavour to give us the best possible service on their restricted budgets.

I cannot praise the NHS too highly - it has been the envy of the world and I only wish it would be given the funds it needs to enable to continue to serve Britain in the remarkable way it has since its inauguration.

I entirely agree, however, that the NHS needs to stop being a political football, and this reader's complaint only highlights the errors of our Government who insist on making unnecessary changes which damage rather than improve its citizens health care.

**Fiona Steele, Ormskirk**

## Taking aim at wrong target

WHY is the writer of the letter about the West Lancashire walk-in centre (January 24) criticising the NHS when Virgin Care took over running the West Lancashire walk in centre on April 1, 2017?

**Janet Charnock, Burscough**

## Litter-pickers do a great job but those who drop the rubbish should be fined

**FIRSTLY I would like to use the letters page of the Skelmersdale Champion to say thank-you to our council-appointed litter-pickers - and an even bigger thank-you to the picker who cleans around the Yewdale area of Sklmersdale.**

**Today on the school run I witnessed the said picker in absolutely horrible weather conditions walking around getting absolutely soaking just doing his job.**

**This guy is a legend in my opinion. He does an outstanding job and you can't half tell the difference when he's been around.**

**Secondly, who on earth are the people still dropping all this litter? Don't they know any better?**

**If you are one of these people that think it's okay to just discard rubbish on the floor, can you please just keep it in your pockets until you come across a bin. There are quite a few dotted around the most used pathways around Skem. There's no excuse for it.**

**Maybe we should follow the example of other councils and hire private company officers to hand out on-the-spot fines to litter droppers.**

**This would not only reduce the litter problem, but also provide much-needed funding for the council, as s money from fine payments are split between the private companies that issue the fine and the council.**

Mike Flaherty, by email

## Council's refuse and highway services are not up to scratch

WHAT is happening to our council services? I am concerned regarding a number of issues regarding our council refuse and highway services.

The refuse collectors appear to have no respect for residents' properties and land when collecting, not cleaning up after themselves and leaving deposits of glass on the roadway leaving car owners the expense of replacing tyres.

Also, West Lancs Council now only empty one grey bin per property on a two-weekly basis. Apparently you have to register a second bin but why have we not been told, despite being supplied a second bin by WLDC some years ago and recently emptied?

Street lighting has changed making areas dimly-lit and unsafe - again not made public. Is this another cost-cutting exercise by the council?

The cost of the services is increasing in our yearly council tax bill but the services we receive fall well below our expectations.

**Unhappy residents,
Holland Park, Skelmersdale**

## Stop moaning and do something constructive

**EVERYONE is so busy moaning about austerity, a present left by a previous Government.**

**We can do nothing about it so why don't we do something constructive?**

**The pavements/roadsides outside residential areas are a mess. If only people could take responsibility for their own patch. Just clear up the litter and leaves, scrape up the weeds and moss and make sure any drains aren't blocked.**

**The pavements outside some houses in Up Holland are barely passable, with trees and plants growing out of control.**

**Please just take 10 minutes to look around your house. If we all did this, West Lancs would be a much prettier place.**

Observer, by email

## Hospital's caring and professional staff put me at ease during cataract operation

I WOULD like firstly to thank Mr Nishith, surgeon for cataract extractions, and all theatre and nursing staff at Ormskirk Hospital Eye clinic for the way they conducted the extraction for my left eye.

They were not only professional, but explained everything to me and put me at ease.

Thank you all so much.

Secondly, after seeing snowdrops in our garden for the first time this year I was inspired to write the following poem.

You may feel your readers may enjoy it too.

***The Snowdrop***

*What is this snowdrop? A flower of perfection*
*Leading us into a warmer direction*
*Taking us forward away from the snow*
*Away from the wind and the cold that will go.*
*As we see spring colours starting to brighten*
*And the days grow longer in order to lighten*
*Projecting the warmth that will help us to cope*
*We will all move forward into seasons of hope.*

**Judy Ingman, by email**

# PICTURE of the week

**There was an early sign that Spring may be just around the corner when some sunlight brought a little warmth to a cluster of snowdrops at St Luke's Church, Formby.**

**Picture by Martyn Snape.**

■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a nom de plume.

## Brexit is not just a black-and-white issue

THE anonymous letter about Brexit (January 24) was shockingly abusive in referring to me as 'suicidal'.

How would the writer like it if I called him or her stupid? (Just for the record, I am not and have never been suicidal.)

His letter presents no information or ideas in support of Brexit. All he can do is sneer at people who want, for their own good reasons, to stay in the European Union. This is not debate - it's a personal attack.

Let me try to raise the level of the conversation. The referendum asked a simple yes/no question but the issue is not just black or white. There are pluses and minuses on both sides.

One fact is clear. If the UK leaves the EU we will be alone in the world.

Theresa May seems to think that the 'special relationship' with the USA still exists. It doesn't.

She thinks that the unpredictable Mr Trump can be relied on. Really?

Let us spare a thought for young people. They will face enormous problems as the UK economy struggles to survive in a new post-Brexit world.

In the meantime, your letter-writer could please stop hiding behind anonymity and let us know his real name.

**Maurice George, by email**

## Why should workers like me pay so that police officers can retire at 50?

**WE are being 'invited' by Mr Clive Grimshaw to donate extra funds to the police as, he says, "across the county residents tell me that they want better investment in policing."**

**Considering that aged 50 they can retire on a handsome (unfunded) pension - the cost of which cripples the overall funding the police receive - this seems grossly unfair and unreasonable when the national retirement age keeps increasing!**

**In my 70s and still working, why should I contribute at all to retired police officers?**

**If they were able to continue working with Lancashire Constabulary beyond 50, perhaps in a desk job, then the savings made would be enormous and we would then not need to be asked**.

Disillusioned pensioner,
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# Daredevils wanted to take the plunge for Legion

*THE Royal British Legion is seeking thrill-seekers from West Lancashire willing to take a leap of faith to raise much-needed funds for the Armed Forces charity.*

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*Alison Mowlem, community fundraiser at the Royal British Legion, said: "Those signing up to take part in a skydive will get a huge buzz - not only from the excitement and thrill of the descent, but also knowing they are helping the Legion to continue to provide help and support to our Armed Forces community."*

*All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No experience is required to take part as training will be provided by highly-skilled professional instructors on the day to ensure the skydive is safe and enjoyable.*

*For further information visit: https://clickandjump.co.uk/charities/royal-british-legion/.*

# County council says new early payment system will help local businesses

**LANCASHIRE County Council is bringing in a new 'cutting-edge' system which it is claimed will ensure its suppliers are paid more quickly.**

The council says the Early Supplier Payment System, agreed by the cabinet at its meeting last week, means that businesses can sign-up to be paid earlier than the time set out in their contract.

Payments are usually made within 30 days. However, with the Early Supplier Payments system, businesses will be prioritised in the payment queue using specialised computer software.

County Councillor Geoff Driver.

### Lifeblood

In return for the county council making early payments, businesses will give a small rebate, which will vary depending on how soon they receive the payment. However, they will have the money in their account which will help to improve their cash flow.

Leader of the council, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "We deal with hundreds of businesses every single day, from companies who supply materials for roads, to agencies who deliver our social care services.

"Good cash flow is the lifeblood of these businesses and we need to do all we can to help.

"In other councils where the system is in use, the average time until suppliers are paid has reduced to 14 days.

"This system has been tried and tested and is making significant savings in other areas of the country and we hope to generate £500,000 over the next three years."

The system will be free to use for small businesses and they will not have to give rebates.

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# The thought of handing power to a generation influenced by social media is a terrifying prospect

I KNOW I am asking for trouble by saying this, but I have become increasingly convinced that many of our current problems are down to the present pandering to the young.

I am by no means convinced even that the lowering of the voting age from 21 to 18 was a good idea - now those old enough to know better are clamouring for it to be reduced to 16.

And let's face it, this is a political decision. For sure, if everyone who voted was aged between 16 and 18 we would have a permanent left-wing Government. Look at any voting figures and you can see that many folk move towards the right as they grow older.

If you had asked me when I was a teenager, I would have said I was left of centre - for all the right reasons, including equality for all. Some of my thoughts then though were not quite so brilliant. For instance, when I was 14 or so I had a wonderful idea that most railway lines should be concreted over and we could all travel cheaply around the country by bus!

But as I grew up I learned to examine all sides of an argument and the unintended results of what may have seemed on the surface to be great ideas.

I freely admit that young people these days are far more savvy than those of my generation, but what they are not is any older! Put bluntly, they haven't experienced real life in the real world. Probably indeed less than those of my generation since now, for good or for ill, every boy or girl is expected to continue into higher education.

I support the idea that young people should have a voice, one that is heard and opinions respected and debated. But when you have a situation where both our main political parties are falling over themselves to curry favour with teenagers because, as has proved true, they are an organised body of people who can swing national elections, you are opening a real can of worms, particularly if you attempt to bribe them (even worse if you are eventually forced to fork out!).

Of course it's true that we think 16-year-olds are old enough to fight for their country, but in the Armed Forces they are told what to do and how to behave, rather like at school. How many 20-year-old generals are there? Would an 18-year-old Nelson have won the Battle of Trafalgar?

I am not trying to put young people down. Their enthusiasm and fresh ideas are valuable assets and they need to be listened to. But idealism and practicality do not always walk hand in hand and I really think that before making decisions on who should be running this benighted country you should have some personal idea of what is what - not necessarily second-hand from an iPod!

I note that knife crimes have risen by 21%. Most of these are committed by young people. I am not suggesting that most teenagers are knife-wielding maniacs. However, older politicians are now suggesting (and I think rightly) that there should be a change in policy so that as well as catching and prosecuting offenders, efforts should be made to look into the lifestyles of the youngsters concerned to find the root causes that lead them into crime. But I reckon those conducting these enquiries will be rather older than their subjects.

Basically, I am terrified of handing power to a generation whose opinions are based on social media, with all its attendant risks of cyber bullying and infiltration by those with extreme views.

I suppose I am still on occasion subject to extreme daft flights of fancy about some pet schemes close to my heart, but fortunately for the country at large these rarely survive waking up in the morning and anyway I can recognise them for what they are.

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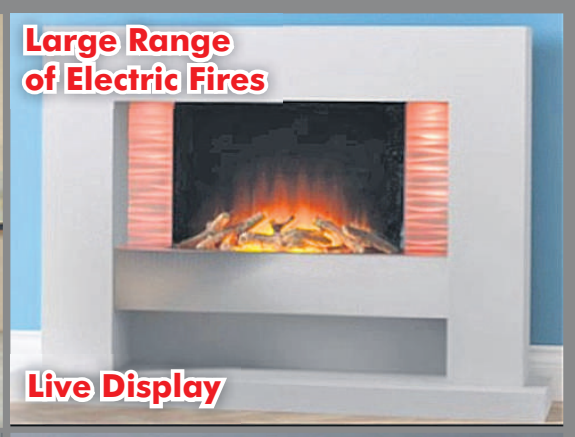

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# Council warning to beware of rogue tree pruners

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council is advising residents to check carefully if firms offering to prune their trees are suitably qualified and insured to carry out this work, and charge a fair rate.

Concerns have been raised by the authority as many people with gardens may be looking for someone to prune their trees during the spring and summer.

For more information on looking after trees on their property, residents are advised to visit the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/trees, where they will also find the council's list of approved arboricultural contractors. These firms are fully qualified and insured to carry out works to trees.

### Wary

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "It is important that contractors carrying out works to trees are properly qualified and insured to do the work, and use the correct protective equipment.

"People should be very wary of using companies or individuals that do not fit into those criteria.

"Residents should also be on their guard against companies that may try to coax them into having work done that may not be needed and charge them more than the going rate for this work.

"It is always a good idea to try and get more than one quote for work on trees to get more of an idea of what work is needed and how much it should cost."

The council is also advising people they would need to apply to the authority for permission to carry out pruning works on a tree that is subject to a tree preservation order.

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Councillor John Hodson

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# Appeal for county to abandon proposed cuts to community transport

Report by **Henry James**

**LABOUR County Councillor Tony Martin called for the proposed cuts to community transport in Lancashire to be abandoned at the county council cabinet meeting on Thursday, January 18.**

County Councillor Tony Martin

The Conservative administration at the council plan to cut nearly £400,000 from community transport services and look at a reduction of Dial-a-Ride services and a renegotiation of the Community Transport Consortium contract.

Dial-a-Ride run a community transport service for the residents of West Lancashire. They have been providing door-to-door transport for those for those who cannot access public services for more than 30 years.

Councillor Martin said: "These services are vital for our elderly community, many of whom can't access commercial bus services because they are so elderly, disabled or very frail - or sometimes a combination of all three.

"The Dial a Ride and Communicar services in Lancashire provide valuable transport links to get people to doctor's appointments, lunch clubs and friendship groups, as well as taking the strain from ambulance and NHS patient transport services by taking people to and from hospital appointments.

"They also provide a lifeline for frail people to get the big shop in or take clothes to the cleaners, door to door.

"Without these services I am sure there will be more calls on the ambulance services for hospital appointments, and in some cases if people end up missing doctor's appointments or getting the shopping done, more demand for domiciliary care or even residential placements, all of which are much more expensive to deliver and reduce people's independence.

"The report says cuts of £39,000 are being sought from a budget of £696,000, which is more than half of the current funding and given over 6,200 people used these services in the last year taking more than 166,000 journeys, as well as providing opportunities for 160 people as volunteer drivers and passenger assistants, it is a really valued and well-used service.

"The volunteering hours alone are calculated to have added £400,000 worth of benefit to the county council, a real value added service if there ever was one."

A spokesperson for Lancashire County Council said: "The cabinet considered a number of measures relating to its financial strategy for 2018/19 at its meeting on Thursday, January 18 and these will now go forward to the full council for debate on Thursday, February 8.

"One of these measures was community transport.

"However, before any final decision is made about the service, users will be fully consulted."

Philip Walker, the manager at West Lancashire Dial a Ride, said: "West Lancs Dial a Ride regret any reductions in funding which could lead to less support for those who rely on our services.

"The fact that Lancashire County Council envisage a new contract is important; we will continue to talk with LCC over the coming weeks and work with them to get the best result for our passengers, whose needs continue to grow year on year."

# Residents with 'hidden disabilities' could benefit from changes to blue badge system

**WEST Lancashire residents with 'hidden disabilities' could soon have greater access to blue badges under new Government plans.**

The proposals, which would herald the most significant changes since the blue badge was introduced in 1970, would help remove barriers to travel for people with conditions such as dementia and autism, allowing them better access to work, shops and amenities.

This could also further help create parity between physical and mental health, and means everyone can take advantage of every opportunity.

People with 'hidden disabilities' such as autism could soon be eligible for blue badges

Currently, about 2.4 million disabled people in England have a blue badge, allowing them to park on roads without charge and normally without time limit. Around 75% of blue badge holders say they would go out less often if they didn't have one.

Transport Minister Jesse Norman said: "Blue badges give people with disabilities the freedom to get jobs, see friends or go to the shops with as much ease as possible.

"We want to try to extend this to people with invisible disabilities, so they can enjoy the freedom to get out and about, where and when they want."

The changes could also see a variety of healthcare professionals, who are better placed to identify if mental health causes mobility issues, carry out assessments to determine if a blue badge should be given.

Sarah Lambert, head of policy at the National Autistic Society, said: "The society welcomes this Government proposal. It could mean that many more autistic people will qualify for a blue badge, which can be a lifeline.

"There are an estimated 700,000 autistic people in the UK and while every person on the autism spectrum is different, for some, not being able to park in a predictable place close to a destination can cause a great deal of anxiety and put their safety at risk.

"Some autistic people can experience too much information from the environment around them on public transport, while others might not be aware of dangers on the road.

"However, current blue badge rules mean that all-too-often autistic people don't qualify.

"The society has raised this issue with Government over recent years and we are pleased to see they have listened to the concerns of autistic people and their families. We hope the Government will make this important change and we look forward to working with them to make sure that autistic people and their families benefit."

Councils have different interpretations of the existing rules with some recognising hidden disabilities, but the changes proposed would give clear and consistent guidelines for the whole of England.

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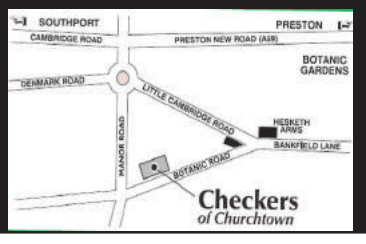


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# Care trust teams up with mental health charity for wellbeing at work conference

**LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust is joining forces with Lancashire Mind and wider partners to deliver the first Workplace Wellbeing Conference in the county.**

Aimed at supporting employers to improve the health, wellbeing and performance of their workforce, the 'Time to Talk about Wellbeing at Work' event is the first of its kind.

To be held at The Preston Marriott on Thursday, February 8, it will bring together employers from across the county to share best practice, and raise the profile and benefits of workplace wellbeing.

The focus will be on simple and practical steps employers can take no matter their size or resource, and there will be a range of activities including employer talks, interactive workshops, a wellbeing marketplace and lots more.

Lancashire Care, alongside other employers, will be sharing their experiences of achieving wellbeing at work by delivering a good practice talk, to offer learning for other organisations to translate into their own workplace.

The trust will also be holding a stall showcasing its services within the marketplace.

Joanne Smith, Health and Wellbeing lead at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "We look forward to working alongside Lancashire Mind celebrating and showcasing our own commitment to workplace health and wellbeing and engaging with other businesses and organisations across Lancashire."

And Lauren Oakland, interim chief executive at Lancashire Mind, commented: "Our conference will celebrate the work carried out by Lancashire employers and support a network of new contacts."

Joanne Smith

# Marketing chief's new role

**THE chief executive of Marketing Lancashire, Ruth Connor, is leaving in February to take on the new role of executive director of strategic marketing for the University of Central Lancashire.**

**Ruth, who was the organisation's first chief executive when she was appointed in 2012, said: "I have been very privileged to work with so many exceptional businesses and business leaders over the last five years and am pleased to be able to continue to work within the business community in Lancashire with my new role at UCLan."**


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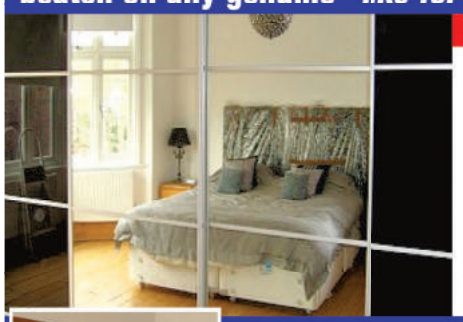

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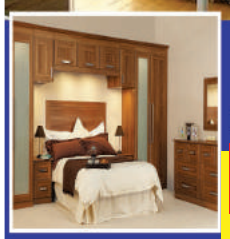

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# Row over cost of county council's new interim director of education appointment

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**COUNTY Council chiefs have defended the appointment of an Interim Executive Director of Education and Children's Services at a cost of £1,125 per day - despite claims that it could cost the people of Lancashire "millions of pounds."**

The new post, created as part of a senior management restructure, was originally advertised internally with a salary of £137k per annum but remained unfilled. After being re-advertised externally John Readman, who formerly worked for Bristol City Council, was appointed on an interim basis.

County Councillor John Fillis

County Councillor Geoff Driver.

A statement issued by the county council said that the interim appointment was considered urgent following the publication of a damning Ofsted report about the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) service, which the authority runs in conjunction with local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups.

But deputy leader of the Labour group, Skelmersdale East Councillor John Fillis criticised the appointment.

He said: "Following Lancashire County Council's failure to appoint a new Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, they have now decided, under urgent business by the leader of the council supported by the cabinet, to pay £1,125 a day to an Interim Executive Director for an undetermined period. This could result in a cost to the people of Lancashire of £300,000 a year with additional costs.

"Before Christmas the Conservatives used standing order 35 as a reason to push through their senior management restructuring proposals, avoiding consideration by full council and scrutiny through the call-in procedure.

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"They claimed at the time that this restructuring would be cost-neutral, even though there was no actual cost provided to support such a claim.

"It's clear that the Conservative plans would not save money but will actually cost the people of Lancashire millions of pounds."

However, council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver claimed the Conservative administration was trying to rectify failings of the previous Labour leadership.

He said: "One of Ofsted's serious criticisms concerned Labour's ridiculous management structure which contributed in no small way to the woeful service provided to some of our most vulnerable children and young people.

"We are determined not to have the 'turbulent leadership' which Ofested said prevailed under Labour and the appointment of the Interim Executive Director is necessary to cover the unavoidable prolonged absence of a senior member of staff. It will most certainly not cost the sums claimed by Labour."

# *Bid to improve links between libraries and Friends*

***LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet has agreed changes to the way it works with Friends of Libraries groups with the aim of making the most of their potential to improve library services in the county.***

***It is hoped the proposals agreed at a meeting of the cabinet will co-ordinate the way that libraries and Friends groups work together better to support the development of the service and boost engagement with local communities.***

***The key changes to the Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution and Guidance aim to emphasise the role of Friends groups in supporting the service to develop and promote library-based activities rather than simply acting as ambassadors for libraries.***

***Friends groups carry out a wide variety of roles for their libraries, from helping to spread the word about the services offered, to developing activities and supporting staff with community events.***

***County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "Libraries are a vital service at the heart of our communities, offering free access to books and information, as well as being a place where communities can get together.***

***"Friends groups know their communities best and make a very positive contribution to the library service by adding to the activities libraries can offer, and engaging people in making the most of their local library.***

***"We are fortunate that so many people want to do something for their local library and the changes agreed seek to provide more clarity for library staff and Friends groups, helping to make the most of their time and energy.***

***"I hope that they will also encourage new Friends groups by providing a better understanding of their role and the contribution they can make. We want to achieve greater community involvement and an increased sense of ownership, while increasing the opportunities for attracting additional external funding via the Friends groups which can be invested in our libraries."***

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Members of NHS West Lancashire who took part in a Dementia Friends session.

## CCG members sign up to Dementia Friends initiative

MEMBERS of the Dementia Friends movement met up with representatives of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to discuss different ways they can support people who suffer from the condition.

The Dementia Friends event, held at the CCG's headquarters at Hilldale on the Ormskirk Hospital site, attended by members of the CCG, was hailed a success.

West Lancs GP and chair of the NHS West Lancashire CCG, Dr John Caine, said: "It is vitally important that we support our residents living with dementia and in order to do this, we need to ensure that all of our CCG staff fully understand what is like to live with dementia. We found the Dementia Friends information sessions to be extremely beneficial and I would recommend that everyone looks into being trained."

# Legal challenge to county council ruling on halal meat

**A DECISION taken by Lancashire County Council in October last year not to provide halal meat - except poultry - to council establishments unless the animal had been stunned before being slaughtered, has been quashed following a legal challenge by the Lancashire Council of Mosques.**

**The decision, which was not implemented by the council, was made following a free vote but some councillors called for the authority to seek legal advice before proceeding.**

**At the time the proposal, introduced by council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, was labelled "unnecessary and divisive" by Muslim leaders.**

**Deputy leader of Lancashire's Labour group, Skelmersdale Councillor John Fillis, said: "This is the third time in less than a year that actions by this Conservative administration have been deemed illegal and they have been forced to reconsider. This incompetence is costing the people of Lancashire more and more money, which is being taken from their vital services."**

**Councillor Driver said: "We are continuing to provide halal meat under the terms of the current contract arrangements while we move to a wider consultation with all interested parties to inform future policy."**


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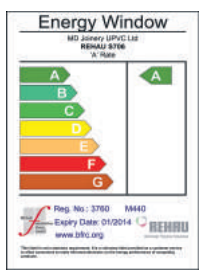


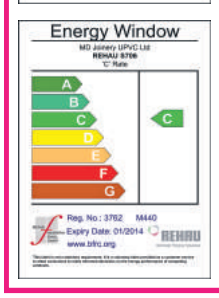

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**Above: The West Lancs Warriors basketball club's table-topping under-16s squad**

# High-flying Warriors aiming to net new recruits

## 'Basketball is a great way to learn new skills, keep active and make friends'

**OFFICIALS and members of a West Lancs sporting club who are currently enjoying a fruitful season have got their sights set firmly on success and expansion.**

The 2017-18 campaign has proved encouraging to date for the West Lancs Warriors basketball club.

The club's under-16s and under-14s teams which compete in the National League are both performing admirably.

Coached by Alex Ashcroft, the under-16s are currently sitting at the top of the league, while the under-14s, coached by Elliott Handford, are battling hard for a mid-table place.

Along with the National League teams, the club also runs community sessions open to girls and boys of all abilities in school years 3 to 10 who want to give basketball a try.

These are held every Saturday morning at Edge Hill University's professional-standard dual basketball courts from 10am for school years 3 to 6 and from 11am for years 7 to 10.

A midweek session for developing players also takes place at St Bede's Catholic High School in St Anne's Road, Ormskirk with the first session free to encourage players to try the sport.

### Enthusiastic

Meanwhile, the club are hoping to start a local summer league in April which will give the opportunity for participants in the community sessions the chance to try their hands at competitive matches.

The club provides experienced and enthusiastic coaches, who are all DBS-checked and hold Level 2 qualifications, and is one of the biggest providers of youth basketball in the North West, delivering high-quality sessions to more than 100 players.

Warriors' chairman, Mike Lea, said: "Our aim is to encourage as many children as possible to take up and enjoy the sport.

"Basketball is a great way to learn new skills, keep active and make friends.

"We are also grateful for the support we receive from our local sponsors, R. Draper Ltd., Blankstone Sington, Arnage, BBS B roadcast Sound Systems Ltd. and Pers immon Homes."

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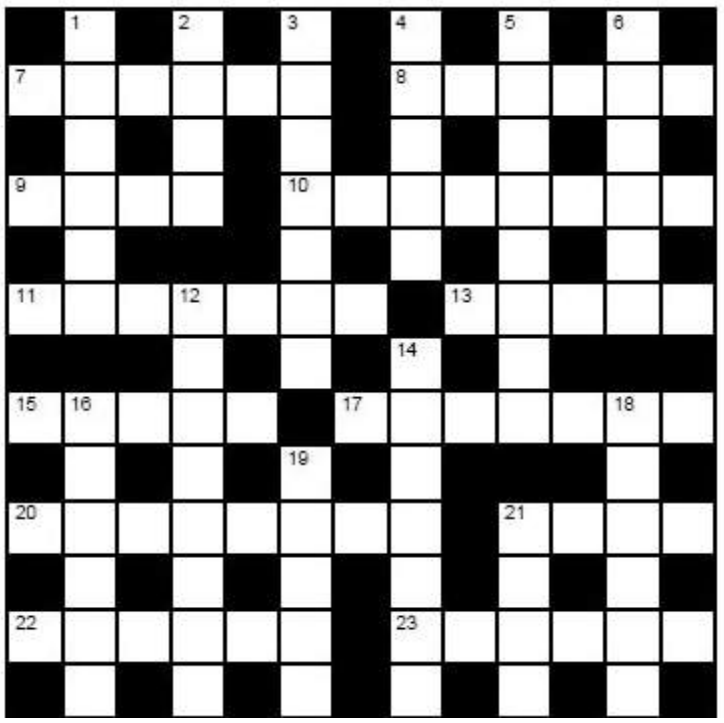

**ACROSS**

7. Special honour or respect shown publicly (6)
8. Abbreviated term for a system for controlling a room's humidity, ventilation and temperature (3-3)
9. Surety lodged to secure the conditional temporary release of a person awaiting trial (4)
10. Economic activity concerned with manufacture, hard work (8)
11. Sensation (7)
13. Dizzy, light-headed (5)
15. Humorous (5)
17. Realm (7)
20. Amphibian with a deep booming croak, native to North America (8)
21. Back part of the human foot below the ankle (4)
22. The seedpod of a leguminous plant such as peas or beans (6)
23. Member of a legendary race of female warriors (6)

**DOWN**

1. Large, edible, white-flowered plant of the parsley family (6)
2. Hindmost part of an animal or bird (4)
3. Showing open resistance (7)
4. These can be greetings, birthday or playing, for instance (5)
5. Flavoured sugar topping used to coat and decorate cakes (8)
6. Revolting, unpleasant (6)
12. Canvas-backed material used as floor covering (8)
14. Character or symbol used in typesetting or slang term for a silly or eccentric person (7)
16. Pristine, as new (6)
18. Medium-sized wild cat with orange-yellow coat and black stripes and spots, native to South and Central America (6)
19. Freed from moisture (5)
21. Part of the body above the neck (4)

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# School wanted to join in with pond project

Report by **Kenny Parker**

**Farmer Chris Molyneux who is keen for schools to get involved with the wildlife project at the ponds**

**MEMBERS of a natural history group and a local landowner are seeking enthusiastic school children to get involved in a pond-monitoring project.**

Since last year, volunteers from West Lancashire Wildlife and Edge Hill University have been monitoring a handful of marl pit ponds in Halsall.

Marl is a clay-like substance that was unearthed and dug out in the 17th and 18th centuries for use as an early soil improver and fertiliser.

Although many marl pits still remain in West Lancashire they are mostly overgrown with trees.

Thanks to financial help from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and a team effort by the volunteers and farmer Chris Molyneux, two marl pit ponds have been opened up and restored, while another two have been left overgrown to see what differences develop in the plants and animal communities living in and around them.

The project is linked to the 'Great Twin Pond Dig' run by University College London, which is comparing the Lancashire ponds to similar ponds in Norfolk. The aim is to raise awareness of these historical marl pits and to demonstrate the benefit of pond restoration to wildlife in farmland.

Now project leader, Helen Greaves and landowner, Chris, want to share their findings with a local school in order to spread the message.

Helen said: "This really is a great opportunity for a class or school to get involved in a real wildlife study which can be linked to all aspects of the National Curriculum including biology, maths, geography and English.

The school's involvement can all be carried out in the classroom, and will be linked to photographic data collected over the summer.

Helen, who is studying for a PhD and has a background in wildlife education, added: "We have designed this study to be carried out in the classroom because we know the pressures on teachers today. However, we can always organise a field trip further down the line if a class is really keen."

Meanwhile, a walk and talk to explain the historical features of the marl pit ponds in more detail has been organised for Saturday February 17 from 10am at the Gorse Hill Nature Reserve in Holly Lane, Aughton. Visitors will also learn what the project has already achieved and about monitoring plans for 2018.

To get involved in the project or take part in the walk and talk, email geog.ponds@ucl.ac.uk or call Helen on 07716162970.

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# Breathe Easy group enjoy talk on carers' support charity

**COLIN Bowman of the n-compass charity, which is funded by the county council to support unpaid carers throughout Lancashire, was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group.**

He explained that anyone living in Lancashire who is providing help to another person in a voluntary capacity, without which help the cared-for person would not be able to manage, is a carer in this context and can include a friend, neighbour or relative.

N-compass can provide a carer support worker, an experienced, paid member of staff who has a wealth of helpful and relevant information for carers.

Colin stressed that these services provided are for the carer, not for the cared-for person and n-compass does not provide domiciliary care workers.

The Carers' Assessment looks at the physical, emotional and social side of caring and what support can be put in place for the carer. Then a letter is produced, detailing what support can be given or signposting the carer to other organisations.

There is also the possibility of receiving a Carers' Personal Budget, up to £350 once per year, which is non-means tested. Again, this money, if provided, is for the carer, rather than the cared-for person.

Colin explained that an important current initiative is the 'Peace of Mind for Carers' plan which is put in place if anything should happen to the carer and operates like a kind of insurance.

There is also a quarterly newsletter and a volunteer sitting-in service.

Coffee and chat for carers is provided at three places in West Lancashire, including Warbreck Garden Centre and St John's Church in Burscough.

**Colin Bowman from the n-compass charity who gave a talk to the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group**

None of these services involve any carer losing benefits as this is a stand-alone service. The n-compass contact phone number is 0345 688 7113 and their local offices are open from 8am to 6pm weekdays to provide carers' support.

Meetings of the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy group are held on the third Monday of each month, giving advice, support and friendship to those with respiratory disease, their friends and families, under the auspices of their parent organisation, the British Lung Foundation.

Their next meeting will be on Monday, February 19, when a presentation will be made by Shaun Donoghue of the Fire Service. This will begin at 11.15am at the Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk, next door to Ormskirk Rugby Club.

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**STAFF and supporters of a West Lancashire animal charity will be swapping their cosy dog-walking jumpers for more glamorous attire when they stage their annual fundraising ball in a few weeks time.**

The team from Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood will be hosting the glittering event at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Southport on Saturday, March 3 - and tickets are still available.

Sally McDerby from the Sandy Lane sanctuary said: "This is a chance to put on your best gear and help to make a difference for a local charity!

"The ball is always a good night, with a friendly atmosphere and good food and is a superb way to support a very worthwhile and local cause, whilst having a blast with family and friends.

"A live band kicks the evening off, while regular DJ Andy will compere for the evening and provide the play-list for you to dance the night away to.

"With various raffles, including the hotly-contested rose raffle, you will only be asked to delve into your pockets for a short period at the beginning of the evening - then the time's your own to party away with your fellow guests.

"At Woodlands we care for more than 300 animals, every day of the year and as an independent charity, we rely solely upon donations and monies raised from events such as this to fund our work."

Dress code for the event is black tie for men and evening wear for women.

Tickets, which cost £39.50 per person including dinner and table wine, can be ordered by calling 01704 823293 or online by visiting woodlandsanimalsanctuary.org.uk.

Guests at last year's Woodlands Ball

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Free Food February is being held in Slimming World groups up and down the UK from 29th January to 3rd March and aims to show how the organisation's members lose weight without hunger and often discover (or rediscover) a love of cooking. It coincides with the publication of Slimming World's latest recipe book Little book of menu.

Members of the groups, which is held every Wednesday at 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.30pm & 7.30pm , will create a delicious feast for the event, consisting of hunger busting dishes made entirely from 'Free Foods', which include fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, fish, eggs and more, showing that Slimming World members never need to suffer the hunger pangs that usually see people throwing in the towel on other weight-loss plans.

Tina who has ran successful groups for over 24 years says " New members normally can't believe how much food they can eat and still lose weight. Making small changes to the way they cook their meals means they can still enjoy all of their favourite meals like curries, steak and chips and roast dinners. Every week in our groups we swap recipes and if members ever struggle there has always been someone ready to suggest a new idea or remind us why we shouldn't give up."

The theme of Free Food February is 'love it, cook it, share it' so we'd love to show even more people that healthy eating isn't all carrot sticks and lettuce leaves."

**To find out more about Free Food February and losing weight without hunger at Slimming World, pop along to the Tina's Slimming World group, which is held at Ormskirk Rugby Club every Wednesday at 9.30am, 11.30am 5.30pm & 7.30pm , or call Tina on 01515484266.**

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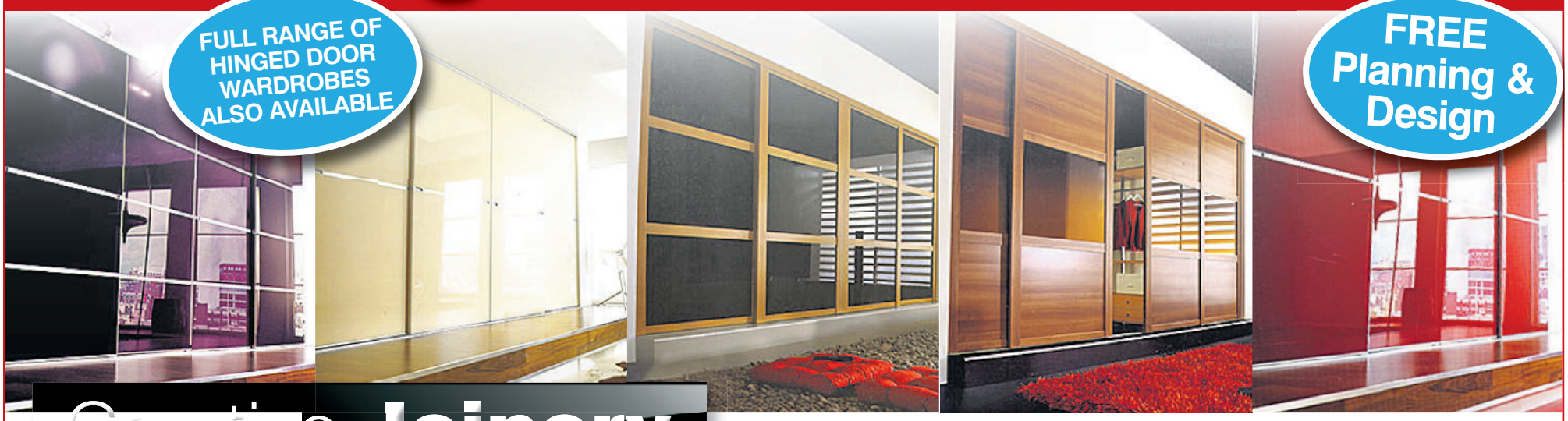


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# Battle lines drawn in row over NHS funding

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

**CAMPAIGNERS calling for more funding for the NHS gathered at a rally in Southport.**

More than 200 people attended the Labour party-backed event in the High Park district of the resort to where they were addressed by, among others, Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram and South Sefton MP Bill Esterson.

The rally came as three MPs in the area squared up to each other over NHS funding this winter at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.

Statistics for Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust, show that 133 patients waited in ambulances for more than half an hour during Christmas week and of those, 60 waited more than an hour. In the same week, bed occupancy rates at the trust were above the nationally accepted 'safe' level of 85% - and on December 28, every bed in Southport and Ormskirk hospitals was occupied.

As a result of NHS Trusts across the country reporting similar struggling figures, the government announced an immediate £337million boost for NHS hospitals earlier this month, plus an extra £2.8billion investment over the next two years.

An additional £1.3million grant will be given to help Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust to cope with winter pressures.

Swords were drawn in Sefton and West Lancs after Southport's Tory MP Damien Moore, said the move demonstrated that 'under the Conservatives the NHS is receiving more money than ever before.'

He said: "I'm pleased the Government has given the NHS extra support at this critical time of year, when cold weather and flu can increase the pressures on hard-working hospital staff.

"I remind the Labour Party that under the Conservatives the NHS is receiving more money than ever before, and remind the public that it was the Labour Party, who when in power, attempted to carve up Southport Hospital by moving its key services, such as the Children's Centre, to long-standing Labour constituencies like West Lancashire.

"Whilst my colleagues and I are supporting our local NHS by seeing services return, the Labour Party continue to undermine its improvements and success and it is time they stopped scaremongering residents.

**Campaigners at the rally in Southport**

"Residents should be confident that if and when they need to use the A&E, they will receive first-class treatment."

But his comments infuriated West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper and South Sefton MP Bill Esterson.

West Lancs Labour MP Rosie Cooper hit back saying the problems within the NHS were caused by 'sustained government underfunding.'

She also questioned whether the funding promised 'would ever arrive' and suggested that if it does, it may have 'strings attached.'

"The facts speak for themselves, the NHS is struggling due to sustained underfunding by the government. Reports of scores of residents waiting at A&E for hours and taking up the limited ambulance resource available is deeply concerning.

### Concerns

"There are concerns that local demands are not adequately resourced and these concerns need to be investigated, which is why I have tabled a number of questions and met with the hospital about the waiting times in A&E, pressure on the ambulance services, and exactly what financial help has been given and whether some of this money that has been announced has 'strings' attached to it and may never arrive. We need to know whether all planned admissions have been stopped, how many cases they have of delayed transfers of care and whether the Trust is now at level three (with four being the highest) in the escalation management system indicating real problems the Tories cannot just ignore with a few words!

"The NHS is in crisis and the Conservatives will never be forgiven for starving it of the money and staff it desperately needs."

South Sefton MP Bill Esterson weighed in: "The NHS is experiencing its worst winter crisis in recent history and for Damien Moore to describe this pitiful amount of extra funding as anything more than crumbs from the table is entirely misleading. Eight years of austerity in the NHS has led to fewer beds, longer waiting lists, longer waits at A&E and doctors describing 'third world conditions.'

"Billions of pounds has been taken out of social care meaning more people with more complex conditions end up in our hospitals rather than being cared for in the community.

"My constituents don't want to see the NHS privatised, they want a care system that looks after them, not a service cut to the bone.

"I know from personal experience how hard our NHS staff work but cuts are continuing to have a massive negative effect on our NHS.

"Sadly, both Conservative and Lib Dem ministers have cut health and social care, undermined staff and caused real problems for patients."


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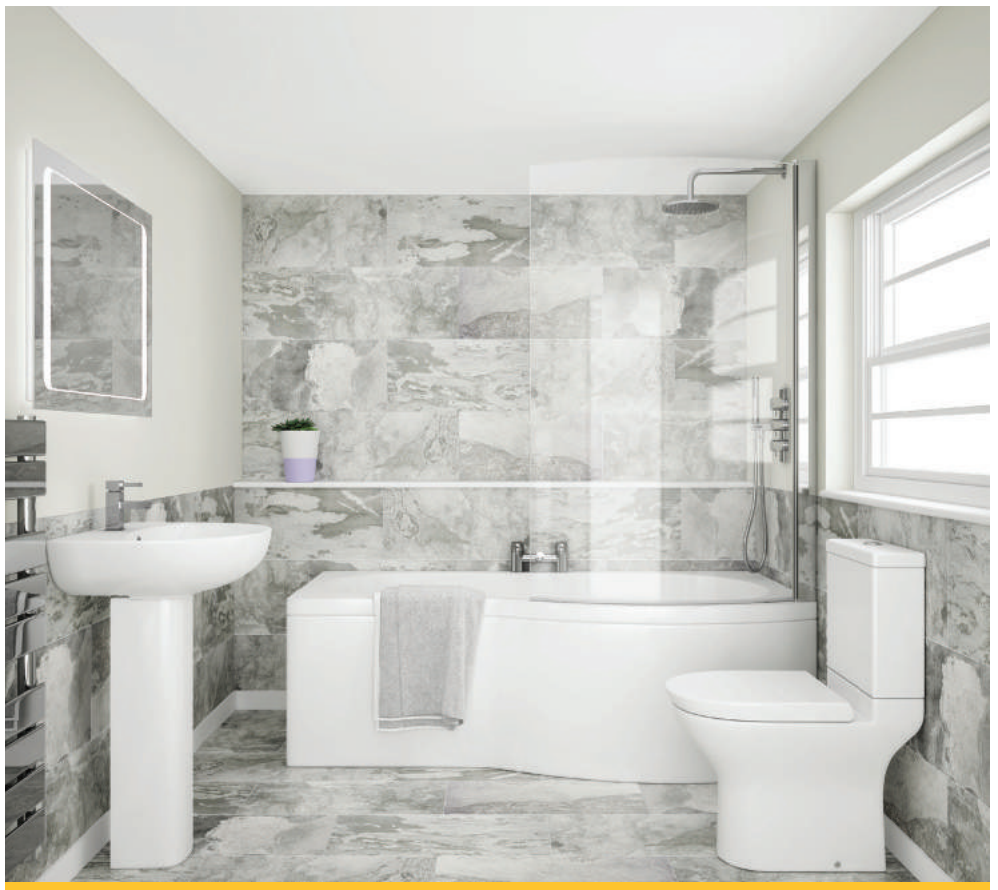

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# Stand-up show from comedian highlight of season at centre

**A FUN-PACKED spring season at The Arts Centre at Edge Hill University will feature a stand-up show from comedian Joel Dommett as one of its highlights.**

The I'm a Celebrity… 2016 runner-up, English Comedian of the Year finalist and SKINS contributor will perform at the Ormskirk venue on Saturday, February 17.

Cathy Butterworth, arts manager at Edge Hill University said: "It's a real treat to have a household name like Joel Dommett playing such an intimate venue.

"When we asked students who they would like to see on campus, Joel's name rated highly and we hope to feature more of their favourite big names in comedy, music and performing arts each season.

"Joel heralds a really fun, light Spring season at the Arts Centre with a raft of acclaimed work across many genres and art forms."

Other comedy highlights include the award-winning, energetic Hiccup Project with comedic dance theatre production May-We-Go-Round? (Feb 8) and acclaimed playwright, novelist and performer Alan Bissett with a double bill of his rip-roaring 'one woman shows' The Moira Monologues and (MORE) Moira Monologues (Mar 6). Panel show regular Hardeep Singh Kohli also brings his unique take on the political climate (Mar 10).

Music gigs include world renowned British vocal ensemble I Fagiolini performing Piatto Misto (Feb 1); The Long Wave, a collaboration between turntablist Philip Jeck and composer/musician Jonathan Raisin (Feb 5) and psych-folk trio Stealing Sheep with a one-off specially created Edge Hill extravaganza (Mar 9).

Joel Dommett. Picture by Matt Crockett.

One of the finest upcoming writers in the country, Daisy Johnson, who won the long-established Edge Hill Prize for the Short Story in 2017, will visit to give a reading from her weird and wonderful short story collection, Fen (Feb 13).

Edge Hill Performing Arts alumnus Ryan Leder, winner of the University's Janet Suzman Playwriting Prize, will bring his award-winning play Numbered Days, a stark look at love in the digital age, on February 26 and 27.

CIVICS, a major exhibition of works by renowned visual and performance artist André Stitt, continues to run until April. The exhibition brings together a significant number of works responding to the legacy of Britain's New Towns and post-war brutalist architecture and will include work made during 2016 and 2017, based on several research trips to the nearby new town of Skelmersdale.

For more information visit www.edgehill.ac.uk/artscentre to see the full season listings and to book online. Tickets can also be booked in person at the box office or by calling 01695 584 480.

# Country singer taking to town's theatre stage

A NIGHT of storytelling in the richest vein is on the cards as Charlie Landsborough takes to the Southport Theatre stage on Thursday, February 1 .

Charlie is generally recognised and categorised as a country singer, however, as his regular supporters will tell you, country music actually only accounts for a very small part of his concert repertoire and music catalogue in general.

It is of course understandable that Charlie has been labelled as a country singer, as he has won just about every award possible in the UK country scene.

He has won a list of awards too numerous to mention in full, including Best Songwriter, Best Song, Best Male Vocalist, Best Album and International Country Album of the year.

He has also received a nomination as Best Global Country Artist in the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville. Many of his albums have topped the country charts as well as getting into the British pop charts.

His talent and ability received the ultimate recognition when he was inducted into the British Country Music Hall of Fame in 2011 - "for promoting and for services to the advancement of Country Music in Great Britain and in recognition of outstanding contributions, leadership and service to the British Country Music industry". This is an achievement Charlie is very proud of.

However Charlie is a performer who is difficult to categorise, as he covers many areas of the musical landscape from ballads, to folk, blues, country, rock 'n' roll, pop, gospel and anthem. A spokesperson for Southport Theatre said: "Anyone who has listened to Charlie's music would agree that he shows a depth of compassion and understanding which seems almost incongruous to his simplistic yet captivating style.

"Charlie is a true and immensely talented star, a well proven writer of fabulous songs, and well known and well loved for his wonderful voice, but it is in his ability to tell a fine tale that we find a hidden gem."

# Actor had audience 'applauding in delight'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

**One For The Road by Willy Russell**
**Southport Dramatic Club**
**Little Theatre Southport**

**THERE were shades of Alan Ayckbourn and Abigail's Party in Willy Russell's study of two upwardly mobile Liverpool couples on a newly built housing estate.**

Pauline (Jennifer Cocoran) tries to live up to their snobbish neighbours, Roger and Jane, but her husband, Dennis (Tony O'Keefe), is sick of the world of garden gnomes, John Denver records and Hachis Parmentier (a.k.a. cottage pie) and starts to assert his dissatisfaction by declaring that people should be allowed to swear if they want to, whereupon he proceeds to demonstrate his point.

When Jane (Samantha Roberts) puts his opinions down to problems in his sex life, possibly caused she suggests, by premature ejaculation, the fun starts.

Meanwhile, Paul Wilkinson, in his element as Roger, stole the show with a Herculean performance as he launched into stories of his own achievements, becoming more drunk by the minute, and the scene when he persuades Dennis to pretend to be Terry Wogan introducing him as a celebrity on his TV show, had the audience applauding in delight.

Having said that, comedy is very much a personal taste. Willy Russell has written some intelligent and insightful plays, such as 'Educating Rita' and 'Blood Brothers' (a forthcoming SDC Youth production in May), but this isn't one of them.

Yes, there were several good jokes and certainly the audience laughed throughout but, as time went on, I found the two couples insufferable and their crass behaviour was becoming more inane by the minute.

One For The Road would have made a good half hour radio show but, after a while, it became obvious the plot was a one trick pony and going nowhere.

Happily, it finished at 9.30pm.

Star Rating 6 out of 10. A lot of laughs and good acting but, ultimately, saved by the bell.

# Squeeze star bringing his book and acoustic tour to Atkinson

CHRIS Difford is a rare breed - as a member of one of London's best-loved bands, the Squeeze co-founder has made a lasting contribution to English music with hits such as Cool For Cats, Up The Junction, Labelled With Love, Hourglass and Tempted.

He will be bringing his latest tour to The Atkinson in Southport on Saturday, March 24.

Despite the fact that Chris has helped soundtrack so many fans' lives since his first release in 1977, the passion for innovation and love of playing still drives him to carry on writing rather than sit back and admire his handiwork.

March 2018 sees Chris on tour with Boo Hewerdine on his extensive Some Fantastic Acoustic Book Tour. The dates take them to Ireland, Scotland, Wales and all over the UK. An American tour is also being planned for May.

There is a paperback version of the book coming out with an extra chapter carefully composed as a bonus read. Chris will regale the audience about some of the key events in his life in music from his autobiography Some Fantastic Place and perform some of his biggest hits acoustically alongside tracks from 'Pants', a best of album.

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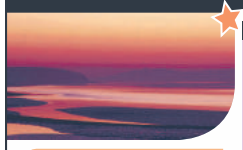

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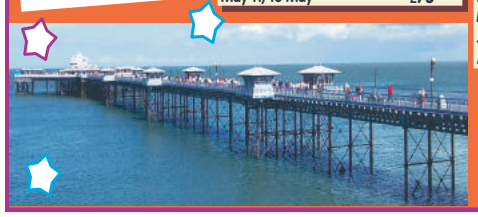

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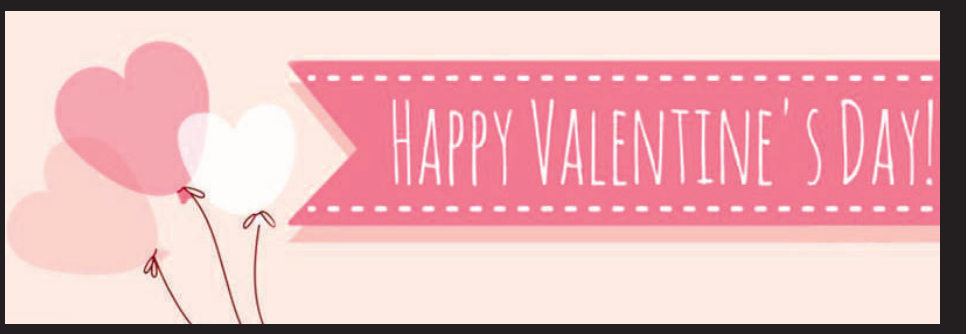


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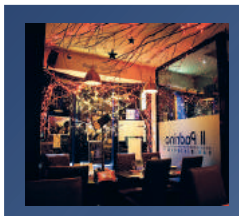

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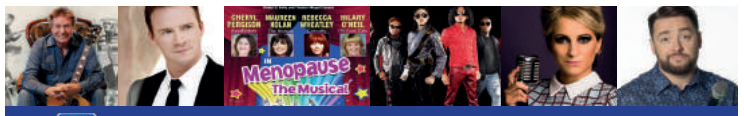


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**CREAM SOFA'S** Two Laura Ashley sofa's in Cream Chenille 1 good condition £45 1 excellent condition £145 Will sell separate or together from pet free smoke free home 07919406540

**GOOD QUALITY** Matching Solid Mahogany TV Unit, Coffee Table & Sideboard, High Polish Finish Originally Paid £1500 will accept £400 Buyer to Collect 0151 2341794

**DINING TABLE** and 6 chairs, extends with matching sideboard. WALL UNIT, dark solid rosewood Stag make. Excellent condition. Buyer collects £50 01744885236

**TRADITIONAL WOOD** dining table & four chairs W81cm x L122cm extends to 153cm & 183cm. Excellent condition ring for photo. £65 ORMSKIRK 07762490184

**DOUBLE BED** 4'6" Myers 4 drawers 20cm mattress, good quality, clean condition £60 AEG Lavamat washing machine, user manual good clean working order £80 01772812767

**SLUMBERLAND** sofa bed, excellent condition. Hardly used, mock suede fabric, cream colour.Metal frame folds out in seconds, pet/smoke free home£110 07709029382

**RANGEMASTER TOLEDO** 110 dual fuel, triple oven, separate grill, 5 burners and warming plate. Black and chrome. Excellent condition. Aughton area. £400 07772 757818

**BOOKCASE** John Lewis light wood effect bookcase, four internal shelves, 150cmx100cmx33cm, photograph available on request. £40. Ainsdale 07896115800

**PANASONIC VACUUM** Panasonic MC-E3002 1900 W Upright Vacuum Cleaner Excellent Condition. Includes 5 Spare Cleaner Bags. £35.00 01772 437101

**BEIGE LOUNGE** curtains (64"x54") - self colour but with classic design embroidered into material. Triple box pleat. Bought at Debenhams. VGC £150. 07855222552

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**ELECTRIC FIRE** with pebbles, in black surround, remote control, booklet with full fitting instructions. 2 settings 1000& 2000W very modern, hardly used£50ono 07935641474

**M&S THREE SEATER CONSERVATORY SOFA** Golden Colour £100 Tel 01704 562328

**HALL ROBE** Shabby chic style, in cream, with mirrored door, wood carving and finial.87cm x 36cm x 210 cm tall. £40 ono. 07752568443

**NESCAFE** Dolce Gusto Automatic pod coffee machine by Delongi . in black cost over £100 used twice unwanted gift bargain £40 01704220356

**ICE CREAM** and sorbet maker by Duronic 1.2 l capacity clear viewable lid brand new boxed with accessories and instructions bargain £15 01704220356

**BOOKCASE, MAHOGANY** Colour. 6ft high X 3ft wide, with 4 adjustable shelves, good quality, nice condition. £50 01704 530137

**INSTANT HOT** Water Boiler,brand new,stainless steel,water filter. touch screen controls,saves boiling a kettle. Cost £65 will sell for. £40 01704 530137

**LAURA ASHLEY** 2 settees for sale in duck egg blue. One also folds out into a double bed. Excellent condition. £500 07734438261

**ELECTRIC FIRE** Dimplex Castillo chrome with white pebbles or coals. Fits flat to wallH26in W24in D9in. new £249 used £80 ono 0151 9321725

**COFFEE TABLE** Teak with 2 tables and drinks cabinet below. Top swivels to double in size. H21 in W34.5 in D19.5in £80ono 0151 9321725

**DINING TABLE** Stokers glass and chrome round foldable dining table and 4 cream and chrome chairs. VGC. Paid £500. Price £100 07583896264

**HALL TABLES** 2 No Matching Semi Circular Hall Tables with Detailed Glass Inset Tops, Light Oak Finish, Any Reasonable Offer Accepted. 0151 2341794

**G PLAN** bedroom furniture in light beech. Dressing table, two bedside cabinets and wardrobe all in good condition. £90 01704879568

**BEDROOM STORAGE** box with hinged cushioned top. 30ins long 16ins wide, 24ins high. Pink faux suede covering.£25. 01515269856

**CORNER UNIT** Black Leather one side and anthrite fabric on reverse will sit up to 5/6 people. Very Good Condition. £100 ono 07790 348680

**SWAN TEASMADE** Brand new boxed white with timer clock etc 2 cup unwanted gift cost approx £59 now £28 no text witheld-number 07504685036

**CURTAINS** Light green lined pencil pleat curtains approx 66(168) x72(183) excellent condition Maghull area £25 0151 4760521

**CURTAINS** Mid blue and cream flowed pattern cotton curtains pencil pleat with tie backs 66(168) X 72(183)approx. maghull area £25 0150 4760521

**CURTAINS** Blue green broad stripe pencil pleat cotton curtains with tie backs 66(168)x72(183) approx Maghull area £20 0151 4760521

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**CURTAINS** Pair of 63" drop pinch pleat valance tie backs. £15. Good condition, curved black wall mounted electric fire £15 0151 4747791

**SOFA** almost new. Hardly used. 3 seater clothe light grey. Next furniture. Cost £680 bargain £260 ono 01704 260906/07860666955

**LARGE SOFA** bed cream in colour, bought in Stokers, easy set up space needed £75 ONO BEDDING/TOY box strong £20 01704893107

**DINING TABLE** & 6 chairs. Glass & chrome table. Brown leather seats, chrome frame. £90 ono. 3ftx5ft radiator. £30. Mirror gilt frame. £25 0151 5201426

**DESK/WORKSTATION PLENTY** of shelf and storage space in beech wood 133 cms high and 77 cms wide may deliver £30 ono 01515263851

**OBLONG WALL MIRROR** (52"x17")-mahogany wooden frame with carved edging/gold gilt inlay. Ex con. £30 07855222552

**IKEA TABLE** Oak Bjursta Round Extendable Table & 4 Chairs. The table measures approx 45" across, extending to 65". £130 07552995114

**VAX UPRIGHT HOOVER** as new plus accessories. £50 o.n.o 01704 809077

**WALL LIGHTS** 4 double lights in grey metal ornate (difficult to describe) excellent condition £40 01704220356

**CURTAIN POLE** 9ft.(274cm.) Dark wood c/w. Ferials & curtain rings £10 Formby Area 01704 876031

**KENWOOD CHEFETTE** Food mixer, with pyrex bowl and stand, 3 speeds and cover, good condition £10 01704 530137

**COFFEE GRINDER** Electric, in stainless steel, brand new unused, cooks professional. £5 01704 530137

**FIREPLACE** sandstone effect MDF with built in light and matching large mirror. H44in W57in D18in. £60 ono 0151 9321725

**DINING SET** Teak extending table H72in W59-78in D32in with 4 dark brown leather chairs. £100 ono 0151 9321725

**LEATHER SUITE** Brown leather large 2 seater sofa and matching leather chair. Very Good Condition. £150. 07583896264

**5 CAKE STANDS** one tier g8 for occasions £4 each nice designs no text or withheld numbers 07504685036

**CURTAINS** Mid blue linen effect thermal lined 66(168) x 72(182) excellent condition maghull area £25 0151 4760521

**CURTAINS** Navy blue spotted curtains with tie backs 66(168) x 72(180)approx. £20 0151 4760521

**MAHOGANY 1930** Fire surround, 53" by 52" cast iron log basket 22" x 10" £90 07908390236

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**CHEST OFDRAWERS** upcycled chalk painted 36x31x16 inches blue green beige can email photos £20 07805484381

**OVAL DINING** table and four high backed chairs with cream seats, mahogany, very nice condition £75 01514767482

**LAZYBOY** leather 3 seat recliner settee, good condition £100 ONO, buyer to collect 01695580704

**SINGLE BED** divan with storage drawers complete with headboard, mattress and duvet. Hardly used. £50 01704 533179

**RUSSELL HOBBS** microwave, white, good condition with instruction book £20 01772812767

**HAND STEAMER** Elitech new unused £10 VAX upright cleaner for carpet £20 Can deliver local. No offers 01704884564

**TWO SEATER** leather sofa. Pet & smoke free home. Very good condition. £90.00 ono. 0151 5261442

**3 PIECE** suite by Stokers. Very good condition. Due to bereavement. FREE to a person who can collect. 07557109977

**INTERIOR DOORS** x 2. Hardwood. 2'6 across 6'6. 15 pane clear glass. £15 each. 01695 571480

**THREE LIGHT** ceiling fitting with three glass shades in brass ideal fo any room £9 ono may deliver 01515263851

**TV/DVD CABINET** in mahogany wood corner unit with pull down front with shelf space £30 ono may deliver 01515263851

**CHANDELIER FITTING** Small 5 arm Chandelier ceiling pendant with brass fittings. Lovely condition. £15 07747 616679

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**WINE RACK** 36 bottled wood/metal wine rack £10 07897228418

**TABLES** Nest of 3 mahogany tables with glass tops,£40 ono 07902849495

**DVD BOX SET** the lost series 1-6 very good condition £15 01695322096

**T.V. TABLE** Black glass, three shelves chrome legs £20 ono 0151 4760521

**COFFEE TABLE** Black glass coffee table two shelves chrome legs £20ono 0151 4760521

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**THREE SEATER** sofa bed. Lilac. From Stockers. Excellent condition. £250 01704 574540

**SOFA 3** SEATER ivory jumbo cord clean from non smoking house £50 ONO 07521361243

**BRASS COLOURED** curtain pole good as new 6ft length £10 ONO 01704579119

**MAHOGANY DISPLAY** unit, dining table & 6 chairs. Free to collector 01704893942

**TWO 3** light ceiling fittings with six glass shades in brass may deliver £16 ono 01515263851

**ANTIQUE BRASS** 3 candle bulb (60w each) ceiling light. Plain. VGC £5 07855222552

**BLANCO STAINLESS** sink drainer - 18" diameter. Unused. £30 07855222552

**DINNER SET** 32 piece, never used. White £20 01704 535569

**PARKER KNOLL** sofa bed, good condition £60 01704 833473

## MISC

**"STRIKE!" CLEANER** 5 Litre container genuine "STRIKE!" Multi-Purpose Heavy-Duty Cleaner, unopened £20 07434 0838569

**BEREAVEMENT ITEMS** Old Vintage sought after G Plan sideboard, round dining room table, microwave two armchairs with loose covers, three wardrobes, old five drawer tall boy, and other items. From £10 07387439004

**SUNNCAMP TENT** Family Vario 4. Brand new never used. Will accept 50 for quick sale 07469748356

## MISC

**HAIR STRAIGHTNERS** brush type in white. anti scald, temperature control, head massage function. New boxed with instructions. Bargain £6 01704220356

**SAMSUNG WAVE2** mobile phone. Touch screen smart phone unlocked. boxed includes instructions and charger like new no scratches or marks £30 01704220356

**SAMSUNG GENIO2** mobile camera phone locked to Tesco mobile in pink/black built in radio/mp3 player and more . includes charger/instructions boxed £15 01704220356

**PHIL THOMPSON** Book Pinocchio signed to brain best withes phil thompson £10 book Kevin Keegan signed to terry best wishes kevin keegan £20 01515319425/07773242918

**VINATGE RETRO SIDBOARD** Original British Sideboard from G-Plan, 1950s. E Gomme, Brass, Lacquer, Wood. Nice untouched used condition. £140 07387439004

**SIGNED PRINT** framed and signed print of wayne rooney at everton when 16yrs old frame size 20inx18in with certificate of authenticity £50ono 07790791733

**SAMSONITE SUITCASE** Medium sized suitcase, 27"wide x 21.5" deep x 8.5" high, key lock, central divider, hanger attachment. £15. (Ainsdale) 07985 050276

**WHEELED SUITCASE** 'American Tourister' brand suitcase. 28"wide x 20.5" deep x 11" high, combination lock, central divider, 1 pocket. £15. (Ainsdale) 07985 050276

**GOLD BRACELET** 9ct curb design, hallmarked solid Rose gold 8 inches approx 7.5grams, mans or ladies, would make very nice Valentines present £175 01704831977

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**BRAUN** electric shaver. can be rinsed under tap to clean long hair cutter. includes instructions case and charger like new £25 01704220356

**CURTAIN TRACK** Swish Curtain Track. Two corded curtain tracks. White plastic with fittings. 48 and 52 inches long. Used but good. £8 01704 546978

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**REMINGTON** Shine Therapy hair straightener with ceramic coating. Excellent condition. Cost £40. Will accept £20 01704 560518

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**SAMSONITE SUITCASE** Small suitcase, 21"wide x 17" deep x 6.5" high, key lock, central divider, 3 pockets. £15. (Ainsdale) 07985 050276

**GOLD BRACELET** hallmarked 9ct solid yellow gold curb 8 inches 15 grams, mans or ladies, would make very nice Valentines present £350 01704831977

**LADIES WATCH** Gold plated dress watch Unwanted gift in original box. £35 o.n.o. 01704 896402

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## MISC

**ROOF RACK** Aluminium. Genuine Toyota accessory to fit Prius. Good condition. £50 01704 560518

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**MATERIAL** black suit material 3m length x 1m width £10 Beige material large, warm make good horse blanket £10 01515266667

**BOB PAISLEYS** book 1986-87 signed inside to steve best wishes bob paisley bargain £50 01515319425/07773242918

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**SIGNED PRINT** signed and framed print of andrei kanchelskis at everton frame size 22inx18in £15 ono 07790791733

**VHS VIDEOS** Dr Who the master ltd edition tin set, Dr Who colony in space/time monster £offers 07790791733

**VINTAGE PLATES** vintage holly hobbie plates "the time to be happy is now" 1978, 3x 10in plates £60 07790791733

**BUBBLE WRAP** Roll of bubble wrap cost £42 very little used £25ono 0151 4760521

**BUBBLE WRAP** Large roll of bubble wrap cost £42 never used £25 01504760521

**RUPERT THE BEAR** annuals £20 WAR Memorabilia papers £20 Can Deliver 01704 884564

**LADIES BOOKS** Approximately 40 plus. Ideal for book sale. £10 07751422585

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**GIFT SET** watch wallet and belt gift set a nice present for your dad £15 07790791733

**VHS VIDEOS** star trek the movies 6x box set star wars trilogy 3x box set £offers 07790791733

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**KING COBRA** Driver 3 Wood Hybrid in excellent condition left handed bargain £50 01515319425/07773242918

**RIDING BOOTS** Rubber. Size 6 1/2. Good condition. £10 01704 560518

**RIDING BOOTS** rubber size 5 good condition £10 01704560518

**EXERCISE BIKE** Body Sculpture exercise bike good condition £50 01704 226969

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**APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING**

Application No: 2018/0038/FUL Siting of a residential mobile home at Cross House, Liverpool Old Road, Sollom, Tarleton.

Application No: 2018/0053/FUL Installation of new shopfront at 22 - 24 Moor Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2018/0057/FUL Change of use from Class A1 use to mixed use of Class A1, A3 and A5 to provide a vegan and organic artisan food market and eatery with hot food takeaway at 9 - 11 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 31st January 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT983

**PILKINGON** Died at Skelmersdale
**Edward William** On the 1 August 2016

The kin of the above are requested to apply to the Solicitor for the Affairs of the Duchy of Lancaster, Farrer & Co, 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LH failing which the Duchy Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate of the above named.

# Announcements

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**GORE ANDREW**

Maureen and family would like to thank everyone who attended Andrew's funeral, the support shown was overwhelming and of great comfort to us all.

Special thanks to Father David, Lesley, the choir and all of those who helped in the church to make the service a special occasion.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the staff at both Royal Preston and Royal Blackburn Hospitals for the excellent care for Andrew during his 18 weeks in hospital.

Thank you also goes to the staff at Hurlston Hall for their hard work which helped the wake run smoothly.

A big thank you also to Dave and Claire at Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors who showed the family compassion, caring and took very good care of Andrew "Our of Main Man".

Finally thank you for all the kind donations to the Magic Fund.

**TICKLE SIAN**

**22.12.2017**

Molly, Ben, Stan and family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the sympathy cards and kind messages of condolence received, and for the generous donations to Woodlands Hospice in memory of Sian, special thanks to Mrs Robinson and colleagues at Merchant Taylors 'Girls' School for their Help and Support in arranging Sian's Memorial Service, to the wonderful staff at Woodlands Hospice and to H.Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors for their support at this difficult time.

## DEATHS

**TASKER MARGARET OLIVE (OLIVE)**

**24th January 2018**
**Peacefully with her Daughters Pam and Jan at her side**
**Aged 93 years**

Loving Grandma of Jamie, Katie, Matthew, Simon and Andrew and proud Great Grandma of Ollie, Finn, Sam, Joe, Oscar, Stu, Isabelle and Thomas. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough, L40 7SP, on Thursday 8th February at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society. Enquiries and donations to Louis Hunter, MLS Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

**PRIESTMAN MARY**

**21st January 2018**
**Peacefully in hospital, aged 89 years**

Dearly beloved Wife of Ces. Much loved Mother of Richard. Devoted and caring Grandma to George and Anna. Mary will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Macmillan Cancer Support. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU. Tel: 01704 897770.

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## DEATHS

**HALLIWELL MARGARET JANET**

**23rd January 2018**
**Peacefully in Hospital aged 90 years**

Beloved Wife of the late Robert (Bob), Much loved Mum of Joyce, June, Robert, Marian and Mary, dear Mother-In-Law of Maurice, Sammy, Ann, Richard and Jock. A loving and devoted Nan to all her Grand, Great Grand and Great Great Grandchildren. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 5th February 2018 at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

**WYLIE JAMES ARTHUR**

**25th January 2018**
**Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family**
**Aged 85 years**

Devoted Husband of Margaret, Much Loved Father of Carole, Audrey, Pan and Phil, Father in law of Ian, Ken and Ann, Loving Grandad of Claire, James, Peter and Alice, Great Grandad (Grandpa) to George and Harry, Brother of Ron and the late Doreen. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Alzheimers Society. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

## DEATHS

**HANKIN JACK**

**19th January 2018**
**Peacefully at Stocks Hall Nursing Home, Burscough, aged 89 years**

Dearly beloved Husband of the late Kathleen. Much loved Dad of Janet and the late Alan. Dear Brother of Mary. A much loved Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews. Jack will be sadly missed by all family and all who knew him. Funeral Service will take place at the church of St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 11:30am followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 12:15pm. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Stocks Hall Nursing Home. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU. Tel. 01704 897770.

**PEDEN GLADYS FRANCES**

**16th January 2018**
**Aged 87 years**
**In hospital surrounded by her loving family**

Widow of the late Ronald Alexander Peden will be sadly missed by Daughters Cath, Lin, Deb and San. Son's-In-Law Russ, Rob, Keith and Ian. Grandchildren Lee, Andi, Kev, Sarah and Ste. Great Grandchildren Jack, Ellie and Abi. Funeral Service was held at West Lancs Crematorium Burscough on Thursday 25th January 2018. Donations to Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

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## DEATHS

**SEARY JOHN**

**Formerly of Ledburn Skelmersdale and Springfield Place, 4 Squares Liverpool**
**Passed away peacefully on the 18th January 2018**
**Aged 81 years**

Beloved Husband, Dad, Brother, Uncle, Grandad and Great Grandad. A Funeral Service will take place at West Lancs Crematorium Burcough on Friday 2nd February at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Stocks Hall Care Home, Skelmersdale. C/o and all enquiries to W Banks of Orrell, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, WNJ 8UP Tel: 01695 622 272

**RIGBY EDWARD**

**Aged 84**
**Died peacefully at Southport Hospital on 23 January 2018**

Much loved Husband of Dorothy. Devoted Dad of Tracy and Mark, adored Grandad of Kate, Michael, Murray and Ross and Great Grandad of Isaac and Jacob. Beloved Brother of Ann. Dearly loved, sadly missed. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium 1st February 3:15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Kidney Research UK. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 572997

**DE''BARR DAVID RUSSELL**

**Suddenly Passed aged 64, Beloved son of Ethel and of the late Gordon. Brother to Sue and Karen, Step dad to Wayne and Grandad to Jaymielee. Funeral at West Lancashire Cremetorium, Burscough on Friday 16th February at 2.30pm**

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## DEATHS

**BRANDON SUSAN (SUE)**

**Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice on 29th January 2018 aged 56 years**

Dearly Loved Wife of Bill. Much Loved Sister of Lorna, William, George and Gordon, Loving Aunty of Liam, Kirstie, Hayley and Lillia. Loved and Missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

**BROCKLEHURST JOAN WINIFRED**

**After a short illness on 20th January 2018 at Stocks Hall Residential Home Aged 87 years.**

Much loved Wife of Alec Brocklehurst. Much loved Mum of Alex, Alistair, Ian, Andrew and Paul. Loving Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Loving Sister of Monica, Reg and Jeanette. Will be sadly missed by all her family and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 5th February 2018 at 10.45am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the British Heart Foundation/Dementia Society. Further enquiries please to: The Co-operative Funeralcare, 36 Westway, Maghull, L31 0AB Tel: 0151 527 1709.

**NAYLOR BARBARA (Nee Large)**

**19th January 2018**
**Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale**
**Aged 85 years**

The dearly loved Wife of Harold, loving Mum of Christine and Paul, dear Mother In Law of Philip and treasured Nan to all her Grand and Great Grandchildren. Much loved and missed all her family and friends. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H.Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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## DEATHS

### O'SHEA SUZANNE

**6th January 2018**

**Aged 54 years**

Eternally at Peace. Much loved Mum of Liam. Suzanne will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 5th February at 10:40am. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

### MARSH AMY FRANCES

**Peacefully in her sleep on 23rd January 2018**

**Aged 91 years**

Reunited with her beloved Husband Gilbert, dear Mum to Nicholas and Simon, loving Granny to her six Grandchildren and Great Granny to her Great Grandson. Funeral Service and Cremation at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 2nd February at 3:15pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Cancer Research UK would be appreciated. All enquiries and any donations to Hunters of Ormskirk. 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572 997

### HUMPHREYS BRIAN

**22nd January 2018**

**Passed away peacefully aged 78 years**

Dearly loved Husband of Ann, much loved Dad of Lynn, Loving Grandad of Shelley and Jonathan and a dear Brother of Maurice and Rodney. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Monday 12th February at 11:30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired for one's own choice. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk Tel: 01695 424888

## DEATHS

### WALKER SYDNEY (SYD)

**On 25th January 2018**

**Peacefully in hospital**

**Aged 86 years**

Beloved husband of Elma, Dad of Cheryl, Syd, David, Pamela, Michael and Debbie, Father in law of Christine and Christopher, Grandad of Stephen, Simon, Caroline, Matthew, Bryony, Luke, David, Becky, Nicola, Laura and Sarah, and a Great Grandad and Great Great Grandad. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 5th January at 1:00pm. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG, Tel. 01704 214118.

### McGONIGAL FRANK

**23rd January 2018**

**Peacefully in hospital, aged 86 years**

Loving Husband of the late Chris, Devoted Dad of Sara, Jo, Suzie and Carol, Cherished Grandad of all his Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass will be held at St Richards Church on Thursday 8th February at 9:45am followed by Committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for N.W.T.S. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

### VERA JOAN NOAKES

**21st January 2018**

**Aged 94 years**

**Peacefully after a short illness in Clitheroe Hospital**

Reunited with her beloved Husband Albert. She will be greatly missed by her Daughter Rosa and her partner Jason and will be sadly missed by her family & friends. Funeral service will be held at St Andrews Church Maghull on Friday 9th February at 11am followed by Cremation at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired to Alzheimers Society c/o Thompsons F.S. 175A Liverpool Rd South Maghull L31 8AA where Vera will be resting. Tel 0151 5261815

## DEATHS

### KUIVALA JAMES PETER (Peter)

**January 19th 2018**

**Aged 95 years**

Peacefully in Ward 33 at Aintree Hospital after Heart Attack and Stroke in mid November. Beloved Husband of late Mary (Dolly). Peter will be sadly missed by his Sister Barbara, Nieces and Nephews and all family and friends. The Funeral Service will be at West Lancashire Crematorium in Burscough L40 7SP on Thursday 1st February at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please but donations in memory would be greatly appreciated on behalf of British Heart Foundation and Stroke Association. Further enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128 Burscough Street Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

## DEATHS

### DICKINSON GORDON JOHN

**Died 24th January 2018**

**aged 84 years, of Norwich**

Beloved Son of Alec and Elsie, Loving Brother of Maureen, Malcolm and the late Jean, Beloved Father of Karen, Kevin, Sherry, Gordon, Hannah, Alexandra and Alec. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 6th February at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Dementia UK. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP. Tel: 01704 891555.

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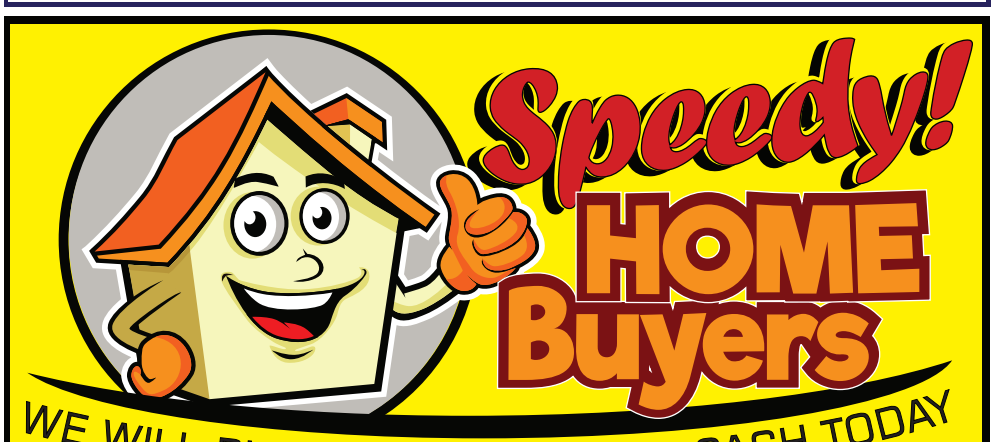


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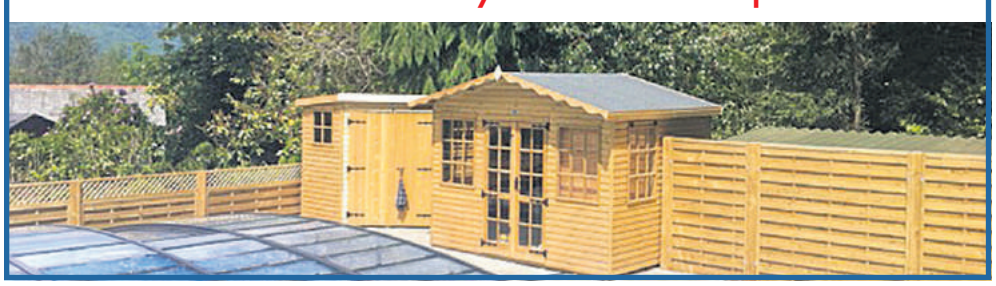

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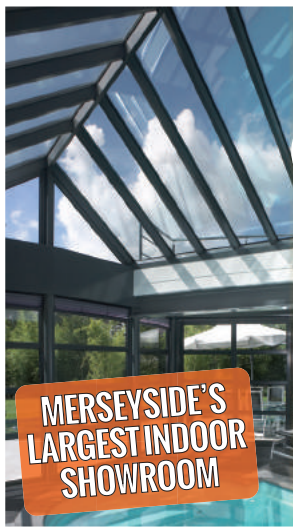

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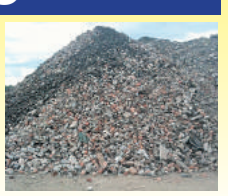

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# I fear breaking down on not-so-smart motorways

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**IT'S AMAZING how much motoring tech has come on in the past decade or so – but I'm not entirely convinced it's always a good thing. Particularly when a little orange light starts to play tricks on you. The illumination in question is a dashboard warning light VW fits to its more recent offerings that lets you know its on-board tyre pressure sensor thinks you're about to hit a puncture.**

Having had a Golf give me advance notice of a flat tyre on an outing last year I know that it works tremendously well – except when it doesn't, because the person who borrowed the car before you admitted to kerbing an alloy a few hours earlier. In the end it turned out said colleague's parking ineptitude had knocked the sensor out of sync, everything was fine and I was able to get off scot-free for the rest of my 200-mile journey, but it's where the light came on that really unnerved me. Anyone who regularly ventures down the M6 will know there's a stretch just south of Thelwall Viaduct that's being upgraded into a smart motorway, and it feels like it goes on forever.

It's frustrating enough when you're forced to sit at fifty while all the lorries thunder past obliviously, but when you're suddenly alerted to the possibility of an imminent puncture and realise there are still several miles of roadworks before you can pull over safely that you start to get worried.

Especially when you remember the car you're in isn't even fitted with a space saver. The idea of tackling a dead tyre on an open motorway with only a can of gunk to help is mildly terrifying.

Properly managed motorways can cope with using the hard shoulder as a fourth lane, but it's the horribly narrow ones that are still being built that worry me. There were proposals a while ago to limit these stretches to a more palatable two miles long – rather than the 15 or so the longer ones are now – but it seems to have quietly disappeared under the hazy fug of Whitehall bureaucracy. I've always hated the roadworks leading up to smart motorways because they're the very opposite; with their average 50mph limits that people routinely ignore, constructions sites that are hardly ever frequented and unbearable length they're anything but clever. But they could even be dangerous. Fingers crossed I don't get a real puncture, then…


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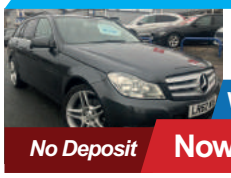

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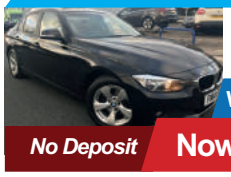

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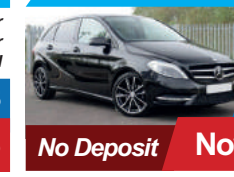

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The tackle which saw both Hollett and Chappell sent off. Pictures by John Driscoll

# Three sent off as Skem battle for hard earned point

**Skelmersdale United 0**
**Atherton Collieries 0**

**THREE players were sent off in the first half during a full-blooded encounter which ended up goalless, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

Skelmersdale lost their captain, Liam Hollett, to a dismissal, with Atherton having both debutant Neil Chappell and forward Darhyll Mason sent off.

Remarkably, Hollett and Chappell were sent off over the same incident when both players challenged each other for the ball.

The game had started pretty openly. In the first ten minutes many of Skelmersdale's approaches on goal were via Jordan Darr, the number seven who is on a dual registration from Chorley, is both quick and tricky.

Phil Mooney has a shot at goal

Skelmersdale had a great chance in the 19th minute. Former Everton player Tom Molyneux won the ball on the right and passed to Darr in the penalty area. He helped the ball across goal where Tyler Rufus couldn't get a clear connection and Atherton goalkeeper Greg Hartley saved above his head.

On the half hour mark everything changed. Right in front of the dug-outs Hollett miscontrolled then played a bouncing ball forward.

Within a blink of the eye he was hit by a late tackle from Chappell. Hollett went down injured and while he was getting treatment both benches appeared to be at odds with each other.

Eventually after a long consultation between all three officials Chappell was shown a red card then after he got to his feet Hollett was shown one too. Apparently both were for high challenges. The first time many of us have ever seen such a decision made.

In the 42nd minute the sending off count went up to three.

Mason who had already been booked for a bad tackle on Roddy that might have warranted a red itself fouled Skem goalkeeper Callum Lee Roberts. Referee Ian Gittens took him to one side lectured him and it didn't look like a card would be dispensed. As the two separated Mason appeared to continue to shout the referee and a second yellow and red was displayed and now it was ten against nine. Skelmersdale started the second-half fairly well and Jack Lenehan put a through ball to Rufus that was just reached first by keeper Hartley.

Atherton then had a quarter-hour on the offensive. The highlights being a shot from Ben Hardcastle that went just wide after a run along the 18 yard line and shot from an angle by Iain Howard that Roberts saved with his legs.

As the last 15 minutes approached both teams showed signs of fatigue setting in, both were short on numbers and the added running was taking its toll on the heavy clinging pitch.

For all the tiredness Darr was still the main danger man for Skem. In the 75th minute he had a shot saved by Hartley, then in the 77th minute he ran onto a poor headed back pass from Jake Kenny, rounded keeper Hartley but from a very tight angle his goal bound shot was headed off the line by Danny Lafferty.

When the final whistle was sounded there were two tired teams leaving the pitch. It had been a hard fought but scrappy encounter.

After the match Skelmersdale manager Dave Powell said: "I thought we started well and were causing them some problems, then the sending offs changed the momentum of the game.

"I am absolutely made up with the clean sheet, we have been striving for that and it's another point on the board. We can move into the next few games with a bit more confidence."

# Hotshot teen set for extended loan spell

**JORDAN Darr has agreed a contract with National League North side Chorley - and the good news for local fans is that it is reported that he will be loaned back to Skelmersdale.**

**The 18-year-old, who has been playing for Skelmersdale on a dual registration basis from The Magpies, has scored three goals in his five appearances for United since he signed in late December.**

**He had previously been playing for Chorley's development squad and moved to Skem to give him some experience of playing adult football. His goals include a late equaliser at Ramsbottom and a brace of goals in the big Skem comeback at Mossley two weeks ago.**

**Meanwhile, Dave Powell has brought one familiar and popular player back to Skelmersdale in the form of Chris Cheetham. He was a regular fixture in goal for Alan Rogers Skelm side in the second-half of last season. He left to join Southport in the latter stages before moving on to Lancaster City in the summer.**

**Skelmersdale face a trip to Bamber Bridge on Saturday and then on Tuesday, February 6 they visit Colne in a rearranged fixture.**

# Linnets set for return to action

**BURSCOUGH'S match last Saturday against 1874 Northwich was called off due to a waterlogged pitch so they will be hoping to return to action this weekend.**

**This Saturday they are at home to Hanley Town, who are aiming at promotion.**

**The Linnets went down 2-0 in the Potteries in early November but put up a gallant fight.**

**Hanley although still in the promotion push are not quite performing as well as they were then, while Burscough, have pulled themselves up the table since, so it could be a good game at Victoria Park.**

**Supporters will hope for an end-to-end match with both teams going for the win.**

**The game is still scheduled for a 3pm kick off, but it has been said that the club is still waiting for a crucial part to repair their floodlights, so the game may kick off at 2.30pm.**

**Supporters are advised to check the club website or Twitter account, or of course go down a bit earlier.**

**After Saturday, Burscough don't have a game until Saturday, February 17 when they travel to Abbey Hey.**

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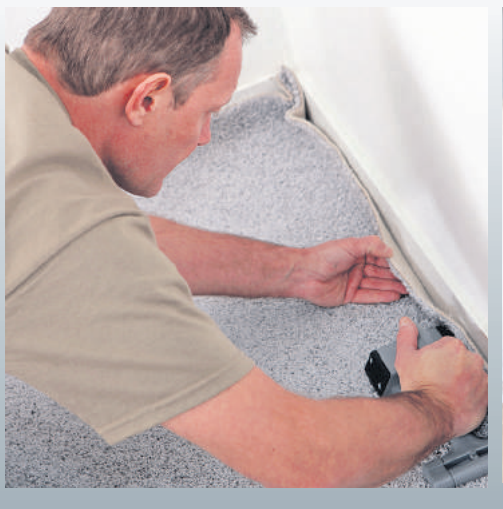

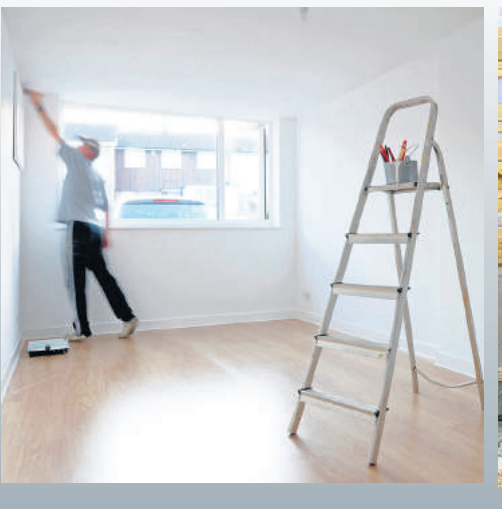

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The Fireplace Studio also stock Faber fires which have gas burners situated inside artificial logs, which provides one of the most realistic fire effects on the market. Specialising in solid wood mantels, the company has many styles, colours and materials to choose from, including luxury Italian stone. Portuguese stone, French limestone, marble, granite, oak, American tulip wood and mahogany.

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Committed to quality, the specialist firm offers a full service, with fireplaces covered by a full manufacturer's warranty. A delivery service within the local area is also available.

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www.checkersofchurchtown.com

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When you think home design, one of the first things that springs to mind is Checkers of Churchtown. After 37 years of trading in Southport, this family run business really does have the answers to everything.

Checkers of Churchtown are a traditional DIY retailer. They believe passionately in good friendly service and think you should have the best advice available.

First welcomed by the local community back in 1980, Checkers of Churchtown started out in business selling timber, wallboards, plywood, melamine and beading etc., all of which could be cut to size (a service which is still available at Checkers to present day)

They also offered an extensive range of hardware, something quite unusual for a local DIY shop at the time. It was this base that soon led to their huge success in the area and in turn opened new doors for the company, expanding into Kitchens, Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Wallpaper and fabrics.

Take a walk through Checkers showroom today and you will be amazed at the huge range of displays and home furnishings. Put together with style and flair, their showroom designs are specially created to tap into your imagination and open your mind into new layouts and colour schemes.

From the biggest space to the smallest little area, Checkers will show you that anything is possible with space saving room designs and you don't have to pay a lot of money to achieve the very best look.

Checkers of Churchtown cater for all tastes in home design. Whether your chosen style is contemporary or more traditional, there's a wide range of ideas and styles in all Bathrooms, Kitchens, Bedrooms, Sliding door systems and Soft furnishings.

With a full measure, design and installation service available, the whole job can be dealt with by the experts.

The family is also very proud of their wallpaper and fabric showroom with many big names on offer such as Sanderson, William Morris, Osborne & Little, Harlequin and many many more.

It's said in fact that with over 200 wallpaper designs in stock at any one time, Checkers of Churchtown could well offer the largest selection of stock wallpapers in the Southport area.

The amazing range of wallpaper together with the fantastic range of fabrics couple together to make the very best experience when choosing you home furnishings.

The fabric department offers a top quality making up service too so if looking for that special material for curtains and blinds to finish off the look it couldn't be easier.

The key to Checkers expansion and success over the years has got to be their high level of customer service and their diversity as a local retailer.

Their knowledgeable team are on hand to help with the tiniest Nuts & Bolts, through to the most inspirational Wallpapers, Paints and fabulous Fabrics, to complete Kitchens, Bedrooms and much much more.

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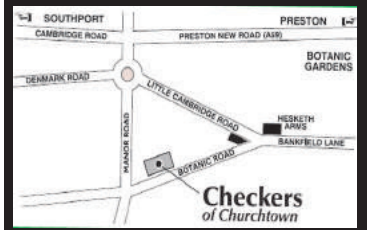


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# Home Care Link

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## Home Care Link and Lifeline Alarm System

Our Home Care Link emergency response system provides 24-hour help to West Lancashire Borough Council residents in sheltered housing schemes. It also provides a telecare lifeline alarm service to over 6500 private properties, companies and public sector organisations.

## What is a Lifeline alarm?

Our Home Care Link telecare alarm service is an easy-to-use personal emergency response system that enables people to remain independent and safe in their own homes.
The service can be used to provide long-term comfort and independence to anyone who may be at risk in their home; or for short-term peace of mind, for instance, whilst recovering from illness.

## How does it work?

The Lifeline alarm service is a personal alarm system which is connected by your telephone line to our 24-hour monitoring centre.
It is a call button which can be worn on the wrist or around the neck. When the call button is activated our highly skilled operators respond immediately and take the appropriate action to ensure your safety.

## Easy installation

We can provide the service in any home regardless of the size, layout or location of the property. All you need is a power point near to where your main phone line comes into your property.

Additional sensors can also be added for extra peace of mind and security. These range from things such as sensors linked to smoke detectors, automatic fall detectors (worn like a watch), and door exit alarms for people who may wander.

## How much does it cost?

We provide free assessments and demonstrations with no obligation.

## Comments/Compliments taken from our Customer satisfaction Survey 2017.

"In February, I stayed in hospital overnight; your centre rang my friend to check if I was ok as the room temperature had dropped in my flat. I was impressed with the quality of service and sensors that are installed. I would recommend Home Care Link to other people."

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"I have not had to use my link line in an emergency, but your staff test it and I am very happy and satisfied with the service. So are my family. It is definitely worth the money."

"Twice I have pressed my button accidently. I was quickly answered to see if everything was alright. So I am sure if anything happens, you would get a good service."

"Operators always pleasant and happy to help. I feel confident with this service."

"The response was quickly answered and they contacted my daughter, she was a great help. My husband had fallen and was rushed to hospital."

"I am happy with the service"

"I urgently needed an ambulance, and the operator got one immediately. …I have received an excellent service"

Mrs G sent a letter to inform us that Mr had died, she will be keeping the Life Line, she thanked us for the service and the peace of mind it gives her, something she says you can't put a price on.

GR Daughter of Mrs B wanted to thank operator for his assistance when her Nan fell on the floor, he was calm, polite and very professional.

Daughter of Mrs B called to say the service was top rated in particular the installer who was so polite and kind with her Mum. The equipment was only in for a few weeks but she could not praise the service enough.

Mr S wanted to thank the service for contacting the ambulance

Mrs S wanted to thank the Installer for how pleasant, helpful and understanding he was. She said he explained the service / equipment to her in such a clear way that she just had to pass on her thanks regarding him.

## How to contact?

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Mossock Hall Golf Club can boast that the course is open all year round. This is largely due to the fine planning of the course in the development and construction stages, combined with the investment of a quality drainage system and superb USGA greens. Visitors frequently offer their compliments on the course in general and particularly the quality of the greens.

## Mossock Hall Functions

Mossock Hall Golf Club is the perfect venue for your wedding, birthday party, christening or any other celebratory occasion. Offering the very best facilities coupled with courteous and professional staff. There is a choice of function suites including a spacious marquee or the Restaurant room in the 18th Century Clubhouse

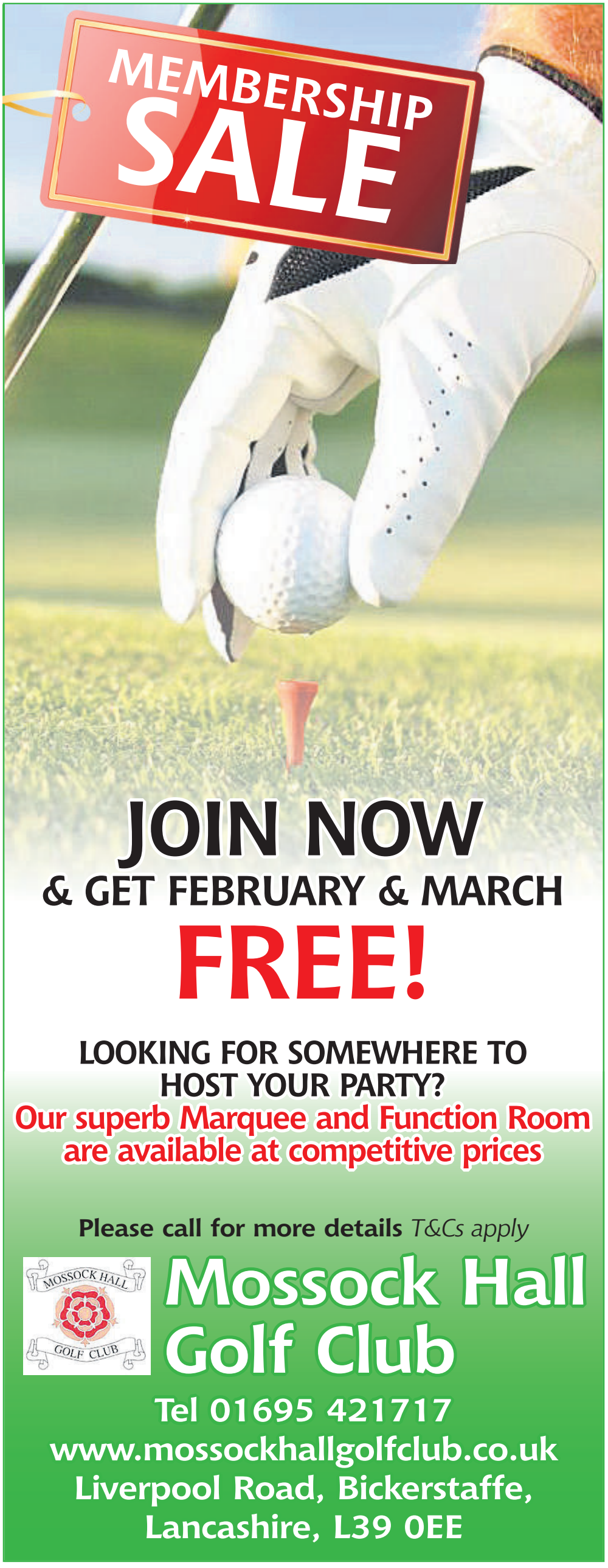
## Mossock Hall Lessons

PGA qualified professional Brad Millar telephone 01695 424969. All ages and abilities catered for, individual or group lessons

## Mossock Hall Visitor Golf

From as little as £28.90 per person including bacon barm and coffee on arrival. Societies are welcome any day of the week, including weekends from 1.30pm, with food available ranging from bacon barms to 3 course meals. Although the course is ideal for all abilities and is quite flat there are buggies available to hire.

You don't need to be a member to enjoy Mossock Hall. Green fees from just £24 during February and March are available to book through the Pro Shop - please call for details and availability.

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When The Hunter Family started a funeral directors business back in 1987 in a corner shop on Burscough Street, Ormskirk, their goal was to deliver a service to the community that was second to none. In present day, The Hunter ladies are certainly proud to have achieved what they set out to do all those years ago. The team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors take great pride in the care, compassion and respect that they afford to all families who are experiencing bereavement.

The Hunter ladies are highly respected in the business and Margaret is President of the NAFD (National Association of Funeral Directors) Mersey Region, now serving her third year in the role. They are very proud of the standards they maintain and are highly rated as community funeral directors.

"We pride ourselves on giving families the best send off possible for their loved ones, whatever their needs or wishes, nothing is too much trouble," said Lisa and Sally. "With this being a very specialised area of work, our Funeral Directors are highly qualified and experienced in this field. We listen carefully to each of our family's requirements and ensure that their needs are always met."

Margaret, Lisa and Sally Hunter each hold a Diploma in Funeral Directing which is a highly recognised national qualification.
For many years, the Hunter ladies have shown great determination to carry on their high standard of care towards families. This is shown in Lisa and Sally's dedication in gaining their qualifications whilst also bringing up families of their own at the same time. Sally achieved her Scales Award for the Diploma of Funeral Directors in just 12 months – an award highly respected in the business and Lisa excels in Repatriation and arranging Bespoke Funerals.

**The next generation continues the high standard**

Lisa and Sally have recently introduced their own families into the business with sons Louis and Oliver and daughters Anabel and April all qualified and accredited by the NAFD. As the next generation of MLS, they themselves have grown with the business over the years and the standards of care and respect come naturally to them.

With over 100 years combined experience in funeral care, the team all compliment each other brilliantly in each of their roles. This means that an arranged funeral by MLS Independent Funeral Directors goes as smoothly as families would want it to - handled with not only care, compassion and respect, but also elegance.

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Cygnet Kitchens are an established business that stops at nothing to ensure total satisfaction from start to finish on any new kitchen or bedroom they undertake. This is why in a matter of a few years the company has known huge success, even in those economically challenging times.

The business started in 2013 under the helm of Paul Wilkinson and Brian Critchley who very quickly became a very well respected Kitchen Company within the area.

So what have the two men to offer that is so different from other retailers and why do their customers keep recommending them? The first important reason is simply 40 plus years experience in the kitchen industry from the pair. They are also able to take on a brief and develop it fully thanks to highly trained technicians who will always go that extra mile to ensure each job is delivered on time and within the budget agreed.

Kitchen design in particular has suffered over the years from a poor reputation by national suppliers who in a matter of minutes put a plan together, leading to unfulfilled expectations and delays.

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Add to this, partnership with some of the biggest and most loved brands in the UK (AEG, BOSCH and SIEMENS to name but three) and you know you can trust Cygnet Kitchens completely from the moment you step into their beautiful showroom.

Paul and Brian are also introducing new concepts with the opening of an additional showroom with a very new and clever concept of a Cook Centre designed for you to try new appliances and see exactly what your kitchen will benefit from before you purchase. Another assurance of a guarantee of quality from this innovative company.

It's no wonder that Cygnet Kitchens has achieved over 80% of their new business from recommendations by happy customers and as Paul points out: 'This is probably the most important thing in what we do, 100% customer satisfaction is the very thing we strive to deliver and the best advert you can have.

Phase one of our additional new showroom is now complete, phase two is underway with an exclusive range of German kitchens by Schüller (kitchens for life)... Watch this space!... It pays to consider Cygnet Kitchens if you are looking for a new kitchen or bedroom. Why not have a chat with Paul or Brian today?

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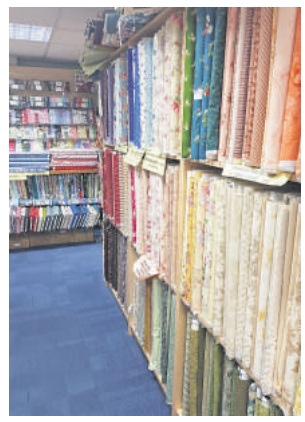

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Not only do we stock fabrics, we have a great variety of border bindings, quilting supplies, books, patterns and crafts and haberdashery.

If you have not visited our shop before why not pay us a visit and see our full range. You will find us just off the Coastal Road near the Beach and bird sanctuary. Close by is the beautiful Botanic Gardens and historic Churchtown, lovely to wander round. We are only 5 minutes from the town centre and have plenty of free parking spaces right outside our door. However if you are too far from Southport to pay us a visit you can shop online.

As we are constantly updating and extending our products we are unable to have everything online. If you would like help with choosing colours/designs or are looking for something in particular please contact us as we are happy to advise. We can be contacted either by phone, email or via our website. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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**Hearths, Chimneys and Flues**
Recent changes to building regulations mean you now need to refer work to your Local Authority Building Control department to be approved and assessed or you must use a Gas Safe Registered Installer or a HETAS installer who will undertake the fitting of fire or fireplace.

**Gas Fires**
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**All Fires**
All fires must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and current building regulations, and must not be fitted directly onto a carpet or floor of combustible materials.

**The Fireplace** have been serving our customers with fireplaces and wood burners in Southport, and throughout the North of England, for over 20 years. We would like to thank you for reading more about us and we look forward to having the opportunity to fulfil your fireplace requirements.

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# Boost needs you West Lancashire!

Call for more West Lancs firms to access funded business support

Business owners in West Lancashire are being urged to make the most of the support on offer from Boost – the county's £7.8m business growth hub.

The call comes after it was revealed that West Lancashire has the lowest uptake of Boost support in the region.

Boost is targeted at ambitious, growing businesses who have the potential to create new jobs. In the last 12-months Boost has assisted 2,400 Lancashire businesses in creating 500 new jobs.

Support is available in areas such as business mentoring, business planning, access to finance, skills development, export advice, innovation and productivity.

Andrew Leeming, Boost programme manager for Lancashire County Council, said: "Our research shows that just 4% of enquiries to Boost have come from West Lancashire. We know there are amazing businesses in West Lancashire, we just want to opportunity to talk with them about how we can help support their growth ambitions."

Just one of the many Lancashire businesses to benefit from Boost is Blackoak Surfacing Ltd, a road surfacing provider which has created five new jobs and increased turnover by 200% after receiving growth mentoring support from Boost.

Thomas Jordan, co-founder of Blackoak Surfacing, said: "The information and guidance provided by the mentors was invaluable to our business. Not only did they help with the overview of employment practices, and necessary forms and procedures, they also discussed how to speak and communicate with staff to ensure we maintain a focussed team.

"Their experience and knowledge was vital in helping us to talk through our ideas and our plans for growth, to keep us on track and achieve our milestones in a sustainable way."x
Andrew Leeming added: "Our message is simple. If you're a growing business based in based in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk, Boost wants to hear from you.

If you are a business that is looking to grow, you sell goods and services to other businesses and you're based in WN8, L39 or L40 postcode areas, then get in touch.

**Visit the website:**
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